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## THE INSTALLATION OF ALPHA LAMBDA

The installation of Alpha Lambda chapter on May 21 at the University of Washington, in Seattle, was unique in that it was a welcoming into the fraternity of a new and very important territory by one of the most detached groups of Thetas in America.

The Alumnæ in Seattle have been for a long time quite out of touch with the rejuvenating influences of any active Theta work and have been forced to rely solely upon themselves to retain any amount of Theta spirit. They are three days by train from the nearest chapter, at the University of California, and I doubt that anywhere else in America one could find twenty Thetas not one of whom had seen an initiation for years and most of whom really knew very little of the ritual. They represent fourteen different chapters, have been organized for some time and have taken great interest in establishing Theta in the northwest.

And so I found them full of plans, and most anxious to do everything to make the installation perfect. The easy, effective way they planned and worked together was a revelation to me of the power Theta exerts over all of us.

The home of Mrs. E. P. Storey (Delta) on the high wooded bluff overlooking Lake Washington was an ideal place for an initiation and her long living-room seemed to have been built especially for us.

There were four days of preparations—committee meetings, arrangement of the supplies loaned from Omega, etc.—requiring hard work from each one.



The early spring closing of Berkeley and Stanford allowed Maud Cleveland of Omega and Florence Burrell of Phi to arrive just in time to be of great help with the practical suggestions of much recent experience.

At five o'clock on May 21, we left the chapter house with the twenty-four candidates and boarded a big launch at the University boat-house. When we were well under way, the girls were blind-folded and soon we were at the Storey landing and climbing the steep path to the house.

The fact that there were present barely as many Thetas as candidates proved not to be a great handicap, and with Alice Dickinson Harper (Iota) as mistress of ceremonies the service never seemed more perfect.

The long banquet table was set among the green plants in the conservatory which connects Mr. Storey's house with that of his father, and the first impression of the table was a mass of pansies. Pansies of such size and in such quantities as are found only in Washington in the spring after the drenching rains of winter; pansies in baskets down the center of the table; pansies scattered over the cloth, in bunches at each plate—and the place cards were big, yellow-paper pansies. The forty-eight excited, tired and very hungry Thetas who found their places late in the evening thoroughly appreciated the many good things to eat which the committee had planned.

Telegrams and messages which had been arriving all day and which were announced from time to time filled everyone with enthusiasm and expectation for the toasts which followed.

Miss Macfarland, as toast-mistress, introduced first a toast of *Welcome* to Alpha Lambda by Mrs. P. J. Frein (Iota), who had been interested for so long in the group. Then the *Response* by Hermie Sherman, a graduate who had been active in Alpha Tau Delta since its first organization. Then Josephine Meissner (Delta) outlined the organization, constitution and policy of *Theta*. Alice Dickenson Harper (Iota), a very cosmopolitan Theta, related many interesting and amusing *Chapter Experiences*, and Mrs.

Axtell (Beta) told of *Other Installations* she had attended.

Theta songs and so forth kept us long after a number had begun to worry about babies and husbands at home, but soon we were crossing the lake again in the moonlight, awaking the echoes with Theta songs new to those shores which are generally resounding with some college or fraternity air.

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The local Alpha Tau Delta, which has become Alpha Lambda of Kappa Alpha Theta, was organized by four members of the class of 1904, in the spring of 1901. No women's nationals existed in the University of Washington at this time, and it was not until the fall of 1903 that any steps toward real fraternity life were contemplated.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Gamma Beta, and Delta Gamma had installed chapters one after the other and Alpha Tau Delta began a long, hard but successful struggle to keep on an equal footing with them.

In 1905 a house was undertaken which proved such a financial success that they planned to build, only to be discouraged by the enormous increase in property values. In the fall of 1906, with an active list of ten, they leased an eleven-room house for three years. Good houses were in such demand that to secure it they had to pay the whole of the first year's rent outright. The house is located about two blocks from the campus among the other fraternity and faculty houses and is very satisfactory although not so perfect as one might wish.

In 1906, Pi Beta Phi and Alpha Xi Delta entered the university and Alpha Tau Delta found herself in the unique position of a single local in a university of about 1,400 students, holding her own among chapters of five national fraternities, thus proving her courage, her strength, her true worth and the high standing of her members.

At the time of the granting of her petition there were nineteen active members,—one graduate, six seniors, two



juniors, three sophomores and seven splendid freshmen—all of a fine, substantial type, well to the front in college affairs, popular with the faculty and students, with very good scholarship records to their credit. Besides these there were five graduate members, who belonged to Alpha Tau Delta at the time of the first petition, making a strong chapter of twenty-four, each member heartily determined to fulfill the trust reposed in her and to uphold the standards of Kappa Alpha Theta in the great northwest.

JESSIE M. MACFARLAND.

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## CHAPTER BUSINESS

Of course "female women" have no capacity for business. Any old man—and most young ones—will tell you so. If you have not heard this axiomatically asservated *ad infinitum et ad nauseam* it is simply and solely due to your insufficiently extended mundane existence, and you have still something coming to you.

Now, to be entirely candid with ourselves, would a peep behind the scenes in the average chapter records lend any countenance to such an absurd notion? There are some indications of a lack in the proper maintenance of the chapter machinery which are patent to all readers of the Kappa Alpha Theta, such, for instance, as the failure of some chapter letters to appear at their appointed time and place. This, however, is not a strictly feminine monopoly. And it is just open to suspicion that an inspection of the treasurer's books might show a similar lack of systematic method in the conduct of another branch of chapter activities. And if it should come to an investigation of chapter rolls and alumnae records, there would be still fewer chapters on the roll of honor for even approximate perfection.

Of course not all chapters are subject to criticism along these lines. They are not all bad all the time; they are not even all bad some of the time. But before any chapter sits



down with folded hands and a complacent smirk of Pharisaic self-satisfaction, let it go through all the various departments of chapter activity and see whether there is a place where improved practice may be adopted.

The first and most important department is the Treasury Department. This very sordid but very necessary department is the starting point of at least two-thirds of the peace or discord of chapter existence. In one college organization known to the writer, the treasurer, a charming girl, paid bills when she had any money, but she never could tell whether it was her money, or chapter money, or a pot-pourri of funds that paid the bills. And she never could remember just how much it came to, but thought it must have been about so much. When her pocketbook was empty the treasury was empty and it was time for all to pay in again,—with a very hazy notion that maybe some had not done so before, but it was all right anyway. An audit would have had no terrors for that treasurer, because she had nothing to audit but her mind and memory and they did not check up.

To be sure, that is an extreme case. But the distance between that and a carefully kept set of double entry books marks the path along which, one way or another, are lined up all the chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta. And upon whether your particular chapter is near the one extreme or the other depends whether you are driving your financial auto over asphalt or hub-deep sand. It is a platitude to say that financial obligations, kept cleaned up, are easily carried, while the same obligations, left to drag along a weary and neglected existence, become a serious burden. Yet a little inquiry among the town alumnæ of any chapter, who have had opportunity to observe the ups and downs of chapter affairs for a sufficient length of time, will reveal to you ample proof of the truth of the platitude. And the prime requisite for this "cleaned up" condition is to know exactly where you stand, how much you owe, what your obligations for the year will be, and just what you will have with which to meet them.

It is hardly possible to put too much emphasis on the absolute necessity for a businesslike administration of chapter finances. Carelessness and slipshod ways in this respect have wrecked the happiness of more than one chapter, and the rocks lie just beneath the surface waiting for other heedless mariners in these waters.

There is one panacea for all financial troubles, the *alumnae*. But there is no remedy the after effects of which are so disastrous. An experience of more years than would look well in print, together with the use of the moderate reasoning power with which a munificent Creator has endowed me, both lead to the conclusion that the possibility of a more or less insistent Macedonian call from the treasury department, "Come over and help us," is a mighty poor lure for *alumnae* attendance Commencement week—or any other week. It might attract some people, but not the average mortal. And yet it is probably the most familiar communication that passes between the chapter and its *alumnae*.

Another very valuable convenience in keeping chapter affairs right up to date is a particular place for the receipt of all chapter correspondence. Where possible, it is well to have a postoffice box kept in the name of the chapter, and have all official correspondence directed to the chapter. This avoids the confusion of a change in the name and address of the person charged with this work at the time of year when such change and confusion work the most serious damage. Then the mail should be opened by the officer entitled to it, and by no one else, and by her kept on file in an agreed place where it will be open to the inspection of all. Communications from the grand officers, treasurer as well as others, would then reach their proper destination promptly and effectually.

The matters of chapter minutes and archives are not such as to probably cause difficulty, but even so simple a matter as the recording of the minutes of chapter meetings may be so carelessly and inaccurately done as to lead to inextricable confusion when one not personally familiar



with the transactions, such for instance as a future historian, attempts to get anything approaching fact out of them. You may owe no duty to posterity, because posterity has never done anything for you, but when the future historian attempts to record you and your doings, present carelessness may result in the booming of an eloquent silence down the famed corridors of time.

There is one subject which seems to mark the trend of the broadest development in fraternity activities in recent years, and that is the matter of *alumnæ* relations with the active body. It is coming to be that the best college fraternities are no longer fraternities of college students but rather of college graduates. The active member is coming to be what our Irish friends would call a necessary incidental, or an incidental necessity. The brunt of the organization is borne by the *alumnæ*, either directly, in the governing body, or indirectly, through their influence in the chapter. And why not? If the influence of our fraternity is at an end on Commencement Day, if the years of fraternity experience to an active alumna fail to advance her a jot, if her long life as an enthusiastic graduate member does not serve to make her a better Theta than she was when she was graduated, our fraternity ought to go out of business.

If, then, it be conceded that *alumnæ* relations are a good thing to cultivate, the best possible system for keeping track of and keeping in touch with the *alumnæ* is none too good for us. The annual chapter letter to the *alumnæ*, giving a readable statement of what has been done and won during the year, is wonderfully interesting to those out of touch with college. But the most valuable asset of a chapter in its *alumnæ* relations is our required card index with a card for each name on the roll, clear back to the founders. This card should contain the necessary information, such as name and address, dates of initiation and graduation, etc., and should also show offices held in the fraternity, a record of positions of merit or distinction held in general college life, and a brief statement of any facts of importance that have occurred



in the experience of the alumna since leaving college. With a little effort on the part of the active chapter, and, better still, the specific attention of some one elected for that purpose, such an alumnae register may be kept reasonably accurate. In the general business world the card index has proved best adapted to such use, and if the great corporations have paid out real money to demonstrate that fact to their own satisfaction, and have replaced loads of books with card index systems, we may be sure this system, now required of all chapters, will be amply effective if the chapters will do their part and keep these cards up *all the time*, not once in four years when demanded by the cataloguer. And if it is kept up to date and accurate, it will draw the alumnae visitors as flowers draw the humming birds.

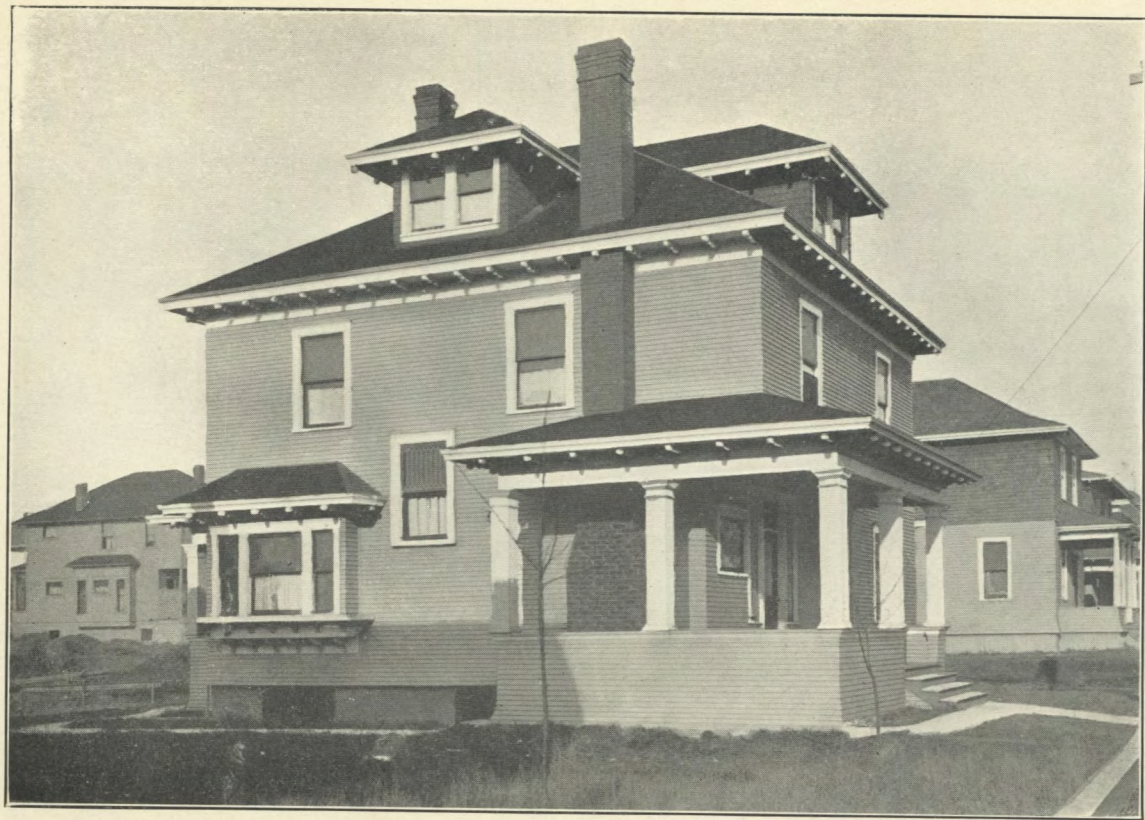
It may be objected that this is a great deal of machinery longer a simple organization. The state of civilization for a very simple organization. But the fraternity is no which the fraternity reflects is complex and the form of organization that the fraternity has assumed is complex. Organization, and thorough organization, is the keystone of success today. We recognize it in a form of fraternity government so thoroughly organized that it is the peer of any in both organization and results. We are proud of it, and we have a right to be. And the same care in detail which has made our general fraternity organization a model in the college fraternity world should, and we believe will, make our chapters equally typical and ideal.

KAPPA ALUMNÆ.

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### ON OUR BOOKSHELVES

It is a pleasure to find three books by Kappa Alpha Thetas coming from the press at the same time. The first is Anna Botsford Comstock's delightful "Confessions to a Heathen Idol."\* This witty little volume appeared about two years ago under the *num-de-plume*, Marian Lee. We now welcome its second edition when the author reveals



ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER HOUSE



herself as Iota's beloved Mrs. Comstock, A.B. '88, of whose charm all who know Iota girls have heard.

The "Confessions to a Heathen Idol" are delightful glimpses of life in a college town. The unique twists of thought, ready wit, and brilliant conversation with which the volume abounds, make it one of the most readable books we have found in many a long day.

*\*Confessions to a Heathen Idol.* Anna B. Comstock. Issued by Doubleday, Page & Co., New York. \$1.50.

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The recent publication of a comprehensive reference book, "A Survey of the Evolution of Painting with reference to the Important Pictures of the Louvre," by Florence Heywood, B.A. (Stanford) 1902, is very tangible evidence that she is far from being "an idle ex-patriate," as she calls herself. Miss Heywood's interesting life abroad has been a most unusual experience for an American college girl. She has made her home in Paris with her mother for several years, having settled down for an indefinite stay after the first delights of traveling, and finds herself now a busy member of a wide circle of delightful friends and many interests. "I see more friends in Paris," she says, "than I could in any one spot in the United States."

Miss Heywood's college mates remember her as an energetic, enthusiastic student, a girl of strong personality and with interests that launched her in many student body activities, and gave her many friends. The most of her five years abroad she has spent in Paris. She speaks French fluently and has many lovely friends among the French people, as well as among her own people of the American colony. She has made a decided place for herself in the life there, yet with it all has not been made in the least foreign. She has had the honor of election to the Lyceum Club of Paris, a branch of the Lyceum Club of London, whose membership includes women who have done or are doing something notable in the way of art, music or litera-



ture. The club owns its own home, a beautiful old house that has been exquisitely fitted up, where the members receive their friends once a month. She and her mother have an apartment at 44 Rue d' Assas, Paris.

Her time is largely taken up with lecturing on art to classes in the Louvre, a work out of which has grown the publication. Her hobby has been the history of art, and she laid a foundation for a thorough knowledge of the subject by visiting the smaller towns of Italy to study the beginnings of the various schools of painting. Her lectures started through a request of friends to take them through the Louvre systematically and give them the benefit of her knowledge. Her lectures are scarcely twice alike, and her classes have grown until she has almost more than she can manage. It is not as a guide to the hurried tourist that she acts; in a dozen or so lectures the class, many of them art students, makes a survey of the evolution of painting as illustrated by the pictures in the Louvre.

The book just published has developed as a long-needed guide to a study of the Louvre pictures, and through them the history of painting. It is unique in its arrangement, combining every facility for ready reference with a great deal that a catalogue does not contain, and its value is enhanced by the supplementary use of a set of postal pictures reproducing those described in the text. It is of service in any of three ways: to the hurried tourist, who follows the marginal numbers; to the more leisurely tourist, who uses it as a book of reference; to the student, who may use it as a manual for the study of art, reference being made not only to the paintings and drawings of the Louvre, but to famous pictures of other galleries.

The following subjects of which Miss Heywood treats give an idea of the reference value of the book: the evolution of painting; the characteristics of the various schools; lives of the artists; the significance of the pictures; the saints and their symbols; art terms in common use.

*A Survey of the Evolution of Painting with reference to the Important Pictures of the Louvre*, by Florence Hey-

wood, B.A. Published by Herbert Clarke, 338 Rue St. Honoré, Paris.

(The writer is indebted to Mrs. R. M. Alden for many of the facts of this biography.)

JANE SPALDING, Iota Alumnæ.

In the December publication of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ is an interesting article by Katharine Coman, Eta (I), A.B. 1880, Professor of History and Economics at Wellesley College, on "The Supreme Court Decision on the Oregon Ten Hour Law."

Almost simultaneously with this publication of the Journal, there will appear a book published by Macmillan Company, entitled "Wage Earning Women," by Dr. Annie Marion MacLean, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, and Professor of Sociology at Adelphi College. The material in the book is the result of a national investigation conducted by Dr. MacLean, under the auspices of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Associations of the United States. Besides giving the latest facts concerning women in the leading industries in the various parts of the country, this book contains a chapter giving the author's account of her own experiences in the Oregon hop-fields, which will be found to be extremely interesting.

Miss MacLean came to Adelphi two years ago, and besides this book she has found time to contribute largely to the leading journals of sociology and philanthropy. She is also co-author with Professor C. R. Henderson of "Modern Methods of Charity."

Miss MacLean was born in Nova Scotia. Her A.B. and M.A. were won at Arcadia College, N. S., and she received her doctor's degree from Chicago University. Since 1903 she has been connected with the extension department of that university.

The Thetas of Adelphi feel themselves honored indeed to have a woman of such progressive sympathies and breadth of view in their midst. Needless to say, Miss MacLean is their inspiration.



From *N. Y. Times*, November 29, 1908.

DR. ANNIE MACLEAN INVESTIGATES CONDI-  
TIONS OF THE WORKING GIRL.

WANTED—One thousand pickers for —— Hop Fields. We pay \$1.10 per 100 pounds; perfect accommodations; good food at city prices; free whisky; dance five nights in the week; evangelists on Sunday.

It was this "ad." which captured Dr. Annie MacLean, head of the sociological department of Adelphi College, Brooklyn, when she was looking for a job in the Oregon hop fields. There were other advertisements in the Portland papers, decorous, staid, conventional. But the free-and-easy swing of that last line, the combination of evangelists on Sunday and a bully time, was irresistible. She bought a blue calico wrapper for a dollar and ninety-eight cents and joined the thousand pickers on their special train.

It was during an investigation stretching over the past year and a half, the results of which are not yet fully compiled, that Dr. MacLean took her job. This investigation was in various respects the first of its kind in the world.

The investigation stretched from sea to sea and was divided into the following sections: New York City, typical New Jersey towns, typical mill towns in New England, mining regions in Pennsylvania, Chicago, typical Michigan towns, the Middle West, and the Pacific Coast.

New York has one centre of social and educational activity for working girls which does not exist in Chicago. This is the Association of Working Girls' Clubs, which was created and fostered by Miss Grace Dodge. It has 32 clubs, with a membership of 2,540, entirely wage-earning girls.

"Not enough is done for the girls," said Dr. MacLean, speaking of her observations. "Not enough is done for their amusement. All young creatures demand amusement, and the more monotonous their daily work is the more they demand amusement in the evening. It is a curious fact that a large majority of all the girls named the theatre as their



favorite amusement, while dancing came second. One would have thought that dancing would come first, and it would, only that large numbers of girls in cities have no opportunities for dancing. Dancing requires, generally speaking, an escort and more showy dress. But two girls can go together to the theatre, which means any kind of 'show,' in their ordinary street dress, and it is the great amusement of the self-supporting woman everywhere. Outdoor amusements and athletics were mentioned least of all. The working girls of the great cities are getting practically none of either.

"Two things stand out in my mind with regard to the class of girls covered by this investigation. One is the low wage. A wage of less than \$7 a week is not a living wage for a city like New York or Chicago. In this connection it is necessary to say that where the women have trades unions they have improved their conditions, both as to wages and hours of labor. This is true despite bad management and foolish strikes at times.

"The other broad impression gained is that there is a great field for the Young Women's Christian Association or for any other organization that wishes to enter it to do educational and social work among the young wage-working women of the country, particularly the mill and factory girls. Great numbers of them are very young, earn very small wages, and live dry, monotonous lives. To furnish them with amusements and social life, opportunities for general culture, for physical training, and for improvement in their own trade is all work that would count very greatly in the improvement of the rising generation. At the hop fields where I went in Oregon, said to be the largest in the world, the Oregon Young Women's Christian Association had a tent. It was a sort of a social centre for the girls, with a concert or entertainment every night. The woman who arranged these picked up her talent in the hop field itself. She was an adept at the business, and the tent became quite popular. This was very valuable, for although hop picking is considered so beneficial out there that women

go to it from all sorts of employments for health reasons, there are moral perils surrounding the fields.

"The first of the five dances a week was scheduled for the night of our arrival. I was sharing a tent with a factory girl and a waitress, who put on a lot of finery for the dance. I had taken no extra clothes with me, and when they invited me to go to the dance with them I said that my blue calico wrapper and checked apron were not good enough.

"Don't you mind," said they; "you'll earn some money in the hops and can buy you some new clothes. Come along with us and we'll see that you have partners."

"I don't believe I've got a friend in the world that would take me to a dance and introduce me to their friends in a blue calico wrapper. It was the real thing.

"Once more they showed me the real thing. I left after a day or two. They begged me to stay; but when they found I was determined to go they anxiously inquired if I had money enough to take me to the city. They didn't wait for me to ask for it. They were ready to lend. That's a little exceptional, too. If it's true that 'kind hearts are more than coronets,' there's a lot of real nobility among the working girls."

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## THE SCHOLARSHIP AND THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Here in Los Angeles no two Thetas meet without some reference being made to the scholarship and the fund for it.

You alumnae chapters without a definite work to hold you together, just concentrate your minds and your energies on this one great purpose and see the difference in your meetings—and remember the success of this undertaking depends largely upon the work of the alumnae.

The marked advance and growth of Iota alumnae chapter dates from the time Mrs. J. B. Lippincott presented the idea of the scholarship to us. Before that time we were having pleasant meetings, but they lacked continuity of at-



tendance and interest. As soon as a committee was appointed to formulate plans for presenting the scholarship idea to Kappa Alpha Theta at large the chapter had an aim, and a closer bond, not only to each other, to the active chapters represented, and to the Grand Council, but to the whole membership of Kappa Alpha Theta. And just here we find the keynote of the scholarship plan. It is the *one* thing and the only one I know where we can be absolutely united as one and at the same time be working for another. same time be working for another.

We are all interested in the development of our fraternity,—certainly,—we are all interested in the trials and triumphs of our own active chapters,—certainly,—but one *big* central idea and aim to keep our interest for all time we lack; and just here is our opportunity; here is something real, something tangible. Our fraternity ideals are splendid and strong, and many of us count as precious life experiences the help and inspiration these ideals have given us. There is no Kappa Alpha Theta who has not felt uplifted after every initiation in which she has taken part. But the average member cannot attend initiations after she leaves college; she cannot keep the same enthusiastic loyalty she has had in college, nor can she have always even one dear Kappa Alpha Theta to commune with. There is the one material object lacking, and here the scholarship supplies it. Any organization to prosper and command respect should have some altruistic object.

We have been very happy and progressive in our thirty-seven years of existence. We have been sufficient unto ourselves. But how can we prove ourselves to that great body of people to whom we are strangers? They ask, "What does your fraternity do? What does it mean?" We know well what it does for us and what it means to us, but it is now time to prove ourselves. When questioned, we must be able to answer firmly and strongly in plain terms, that aside from the splendid comradeship and help in college, beside the pleasure and often help we get from meeting our alumnae, exchanging the grip and greetings; aside from all this,

I say, we can tell them that we have a splendid purpose. We have a fifteen thousand dollar scholarship fund, with the income from which we send some talented Kappa Alpha Theta, otherwise unable to go, into the best place in the world to follow up her chosen line in graduate work.

Alumnæ and active members, join with the National Scholarship Committee with energy and heart, and talk, talk, talk, scholarship. There will come, through publicity and earnest effort, our reward: a closer tie to Kappa Alpha Theta; opportunity to honor talented members of our fraternity, and the right to tell the whole world we are united to do something for others.

ADA EDWARDS LAUGHLIN,  
Iota Alumnæ Chapter, Los Angeles.

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#### KAPPA ALPHA THETA IN PHI BETA KAPPA DURING 1908

In 1907-1908 the following twenty-five Kappa Alpha Thetas were made Phi Beta Kappas:

Lambda Chapter: Lucy Bean, Helen Barker, Ernestine Sweet, Florence Votey. The last three named were also graduated *cum laude*.

Alpha Epsilon: Ruth L. Foster, Frances A. Foster. Ruth Foster was also awarded final honors in Greek, Latin and English.

Alpha: Mary Ibach.

Phi Beta Kappa was established at the University of Illinois during 1907-1908. Appointments were made retro-active over a period of five years. The following Kappa Alpha Thetas were appointed from Delta: Bertha Pillsbury, 1900; Helen Taylor, '02; Elizabeth Green, '04; Mildred Sonntag, '04; Rose Mather, '06; Myra Mather, '06; Helen B. Bates, '06; Jane Mather, '07; Alice Fullenwider, '07; Louise Shipman, '08; Minnie Parker, '08.

Eta: Margaret Stockbridge.

Mu: Florence Grauel.





ALPHA LAMBDA CHARTER MEMBERS

Alpha Eta: Ruby Hanlin, Alice Clark, Nannie Moore, Elizabeth Young. Miss Moore was student secretary of the Vanderbilt chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Tau: Julia Evans.

At Syracuse University, where Phi Beta Kappa has not been established, Elizabeth Fewsmith graduated *magna cum laude*, and four others, Edith Ackerman, Martha Allen, Blanch Merriitt, and Mary Walker, graduated *cum laude*.

At Toronto University, where Phi Beta Kappa does not exist, Lee Edward, A.B. 1906, graduated in medicine with first class honors in every department, thus winning the George Brown scholarship. The other two graduates of Sigma, '08, took second honors, Jessie Barker in moderns, Helen Thomson in mathematics and physics.

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## TWENTY YEARS AGO

It is always a delight to go "up garret" some rainy day and while the drops patter on the roof turn over old letters and papers that take one back to the fashions and ways of a by-gone time. Browsing in this way, two girls came across some records which throw light on the customs and characteristics of the fraternity and chapter as it was in other days.

The first letter was from a charter member of Kappa Alpha Theta, who, let us hope, is in good and regular standing in every chapter today. On this account it should be interesting:

"Thetas of Lambda Chapter:

"I regret exceedingly my inability to attend your initiation Saturday eve, October 8. Nothing could keep me away but a very serious accident, namely, Miss Mills in exercising me broke my hind leg. K. A. T. GOAT."

The careless Miss Mills of this missive is the present Mrs. Deyette.

Almost all these letters, whether from Corresponding



Secretary, Journal Editor, or what not, began with the same salutation. The fraternity feeling was strong in the old days. The following, no exception to the rule, came from Kappa Chapter, Lawrence, Kansas, where the first Journals were published.

"Dear Theta Sisters:

"The first number of 'Kappa Alpha Theta' has left our hands and is now with you for criticism."

The writer, an associate editor, mentions the need of material, including *alumnæ* letters, and requests the chapters to appoint a correspondent and a "special," who evidently was the same as our chapter editor now. At another time an editor writes the decision of the Convention that each chapter should furnish 1,500 words a year and pay a fine for non-conformity. Suggestions were made that the articles be short, readable paragraphs upon topics of every-day fraternity and college interest, or upon questions concerning chapter life and meetings. It was recommended that these be written, not in the careful essay style, but as things are talked over when two or three Thetas are gathered together. The main policy of the Journal twenty years ago appears, from these letters, to be similar to that of today.

A group of girls in Minneapolis, in March, 1886, began a petition to become members in this startling way: "Kappa Alpha Theta Frat., Dear Ladies." It seems strange that a petition of this kind was not sent to the Grand Council or a corresponding organization, but it may be that this letter was only a copy.

There were innumerable reports, very few printed. One ambitious chapter had read "Les Miserables" and was intending to finish Victor Hugo's works. Under the heading, "Remarks, Prospects, et cetera," was this paragraph:

"Good *frat* material is not over-abundant. 'We are seven' and content to remain so for the present. Formal festivities have not been numerous but we have managed to enjoy life. Delta Gamma is to appear among us in June. However, with a calm complacency that others might pos-

sibly term conceit, we 'fear no foe with shining frat pin.'” In '88 “frat” seemed to be in good standing.

To come back to the chest of letters, as far back as '83 the Grand Council was known as the Grand Chapter, and every chapter had a representative, for the Corresponding Secretary of this Chapter or Council writes to Lambda: “I do not know your member of the Grand Chapter and there seems to be no earthly means of finding out any of the names, so I will write to you, and wherever she is you can give her this letter.” Confusion must have been rife. This same letter talked of a Pan-Hellenic convention to be held at New York City, beginning July 4, 1884, if the fraternities would signify their intention of participating by Jan. 1, 1882.

The last and probably the most interesting were the friendly letters exchanged between the Corresponding Secretaries of the different chapters. These letters, written in a most friendly and informal way, discussed fraternity affairs, difficulties, common interests, and chapter happenings. One would see in reading these letters that the girls in Greencastle, Indiana, knew and loved Theta girls so far away as Vermont. The bond between them seemed a personal one. Is there any reason why the girls of Kappa Alpha Theta in 1908 may not keep in as close touch with each other as those girls of '88?

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## THE INTER-COLLEGIATE SELF-GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

An event of interest to the college woman's world occurred at Mt. Holyoke College, November 13 and 14, when delegates from the local associations of thirteen colleges met at the Intercollegiate Self-Government Conference to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Our western chapters may not know that the Intercollegiate Association has a constitution, annual election of offi-



cers, dues, and an annual place of meeting—one of the colleges represented offering a year or so in advance its hospitality for a coming conference. Never in the experience of the association has there been a falling off of interest or lack of several invitations.

It is interesting to note how widely the policy of student government is being adopted, for three new colleges applied and were admitted to the Conference—Syracuse, Allegheny and Adelphi.

The conduct of the Conference itself was most successful. In the college chapel, seating over a thousand people, the senior delegate,—president of the local association,—spoke, giving outlines of their local methods, laws, penalties and problems, incidentally throwing sidelights on the very different conditions in the various colleges, yet giving evidence that our main problems are the same. We realized more than ever to how great an extent the faculty has entrusted to the hands of the student body the control and discipline of college affairs.

The afternoon session was a closed meeting for delegates only at which many questions of interest were brought up for discussion, among others the question of the Point System. Wellesley, Vassar, Brown and Holyoke are the colleges that have thus far adopted this system, and it is one well worth consideration. Each office or appointment of honor that is held during the college year is valued at a certain number of points. These points vary in accordance with the honor and distinction of the office, and also according to the value placed upon them in the college. A student who has exhausted the number of points allowed is no longer eligible for office. Thus a greater number of students have the opportunity to develop dormant capacities, and the popular, talented girl is less likely to break down in health or neglect her purely academic work through too great dissipation of her energies.

Next came the election of officers for the ensuing year, Cornell being chosen as the hostess of the 1909 Conference. Then an informal discussion ensued, during which the dele-

gates interchanged questions and helpful suggestions for solving general problems. This meeting was forced to adjourn with much left undiscussed, yet we feel assured that every delegate left that Conference inspired by the certainty that her alma mater was not working alone, but that sister colleges were striving side by side for the ideals embodied in that noblest of the college woman's attainments—self-government.

QUEENIE NORTHRUP HORTON, Iota '09.  
ANNE GILKYSON, Alpha Beta.

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## MANNERS

I feel constrained, like Emerson, to take up my pen and write on the subject of "Manners." There seems to be a combination of conditions in our present-day living that is tending to crush out a few old-fashioned and highly indispensable virtues. Gentleness, courtesy, serenity, dignity,—it comes over one often that such attributes are almost becoming obsolete and even legendary. But—not further to analyze and deplore this awful complexity of living in which we of this generation, and especially college girls, find ourselves,—I wish that a certain too freely uttered and much misunderstood expression, "Theta ideals," might always stand for one thing in those of us who try to embody those ideals, and that is "good manners."

For a thoroughly satisfying treatment of the deeper side of this subject I refer you to Emerson. My remarks are purely practical and from the motherly or sisterly rather than philosophical standpoint. For if I had a daughter or sister of winsome age, and that means just leaving the teens, I should like to be able to say the following things of her: First, that she always listens with undivided attention to one who is speaking to her; second, that she laughs as euphoniously as she is able and with adequate cause; third, that she never makes a third person uncomfortable



by acting as if she and the second person had esoteric knowledge of the subject under discussion; fourth, that she greets others with a gracious dignity; fifth, that she observes those indispensable little social amenities and conducts herself as far as all social usages are concerned in a way that shows a sincere rather than conventional consideration for a hostess.

These things are but superficial and incomplete expressions of "good manners," it is true, but they have been made definite with a purpose. It is interesting year by year for us older Thetas to observe the evolution in type in the college girl as far as externals go,—for I think at heart girls are perennially the same. Just at the present era there are certainly manifestations which harbor no good for the physical future of our women. Our girls should take little rest-cures every day, should find out the pleasure there is in taking a college course intensively instead of extensively, should cultivate more the art of repose. Steadier nerves must come before the self-poise and serenity I have been preaching for.

"A beautiful form is better than a beautiful face; a beautiful behavior is better than a beautiful form: it gives a higher pleasure than statues or pictures; it is the finest of the fine arts."

A. W., Beta Alumnæ.

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## THE NEW THETA HOUSE OF OMEGA CHAPTER

A little over a block from the university grounds stands a new shingled house,—the home of the Berkeley Thetas. The mere suggestion of green about it, still protected by temporary wires, foretells a thriving lawn, and the first winter rains will find the bulbs and the many vines waiting to quickly glorify this precious spot. The house is of three stories, containing a reception room, living room, dining room, porch, kitchen, ten bedrooms, a large alumnæ room and sun porch.

On entering the house from a brick terrace the attractions that first win a college girl are the hardwood floors and the connection by a collapsable folding door of the large living room and dining room with an adjoining porch for "here a dance couldn't help being a success." One domestically inclined would become interested in the arrangement of kitchen and pantries or the gas furnace and gas water heater, while the alumnae would probably lead you directly to the third story to their own large room with its four north windows looking to the Berkeley hills and the western ones over the bay and Golden Gate.

Soon after 1890, when Omega received her charter, the alumnae began to plan and save little by little for a home of their own, but the progress was slow and unsatisfactory. In August, 1907, the alumnae association incorporated with the active chapter under the state laws with the purpose of building a house. Shares were sold only to Omega's Thetas. The house still seemed rather far in the future but at least we felt we had started on a business basis.

The seven directors met each week and it was with feverish excitement that the incoming checks and money were counted and returned in shares of stock in the corporation. It was an inspiration that from out of an alumnae body of over a hundred all but six answered with letters of enthusiastic good wishes if not pecuniary aid.

There was great rejoicing in February when the lot was purchased, and then when six Thetas loaned considerable sums on promissory notes we began to hope for the house. It was during the months of financial depression and there were disappointments, but finally with a mortgage amounting to less than half the value of the whole expenditure the house was built. It pleased us to think that no lawyer's fees were paid out as two of the Theta directors were lawyers, but when one of our own girls, Julia Morgan, a graduate of L'Ecole des Beaux Arts, was the architect for our house we were very proud Thetas. Surely much good will and love have worked themselves into the new home. We hope before many years there will be no indebtedness but until then the rent will cover the interest and all repairs.



The work of this year has accomplished much more than the materialization of our long cherished plan for our own Theta house. It has drawn the alumnae into such close touch with the active girls that they now not only sympathize but understand the trials and difficulties that have arisen for the college girls and are giving them aid and help in overcoming them. In the many happy gatherings of alumnae and active Thetas in their own home, surely there is much opportunity for the growth of Kappa Alpha Theta's ideals so it's the good wish of Omega that before long many other sister chapters will be rejoicing too in homes of their own.

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### THE FRATERNITY AND THE GRADUATE

Few college women have any doubt about the place which their fraternity took in their undergraduate life. They know that they gave to it not only a great deal of their time and talent,—however small the latter may have been,—during those four years, but a great deal of loyalty and affection. Whether this time should have been given to their studies and whether this loyalty was subtracted from the loyalty which was due from them to their college, is another story. The fact remains that for Theta we wrote our most inspired themes and burned our biggest store of midnight oil, and we sang with an earnestness and a heart throb which seldom comes into our later life,—

“Theta, dear Theta,

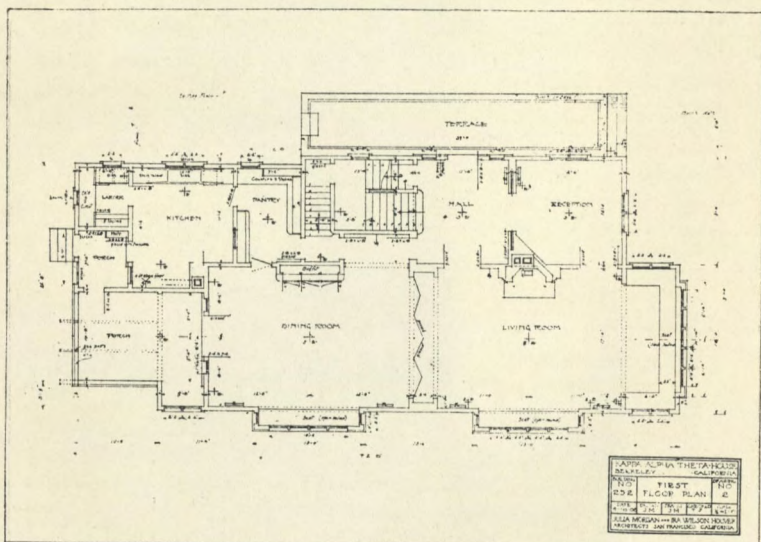
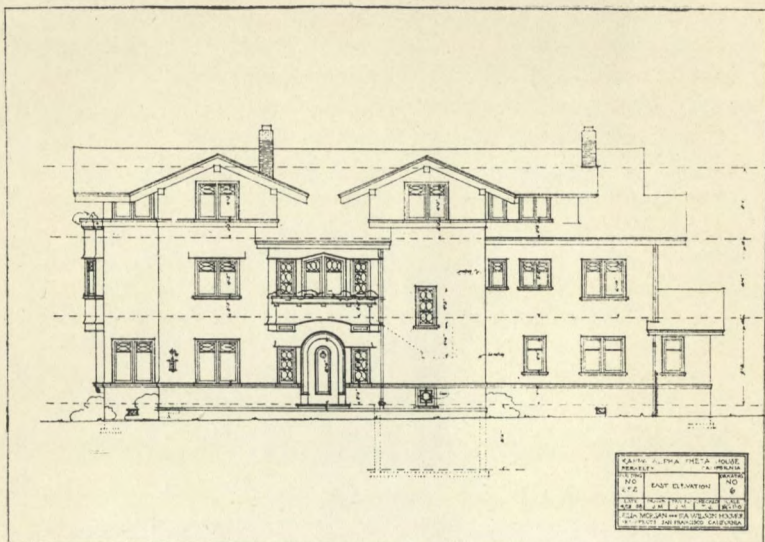
At thy shrine our knees we bend,”

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“For Kappa Alpha Theta

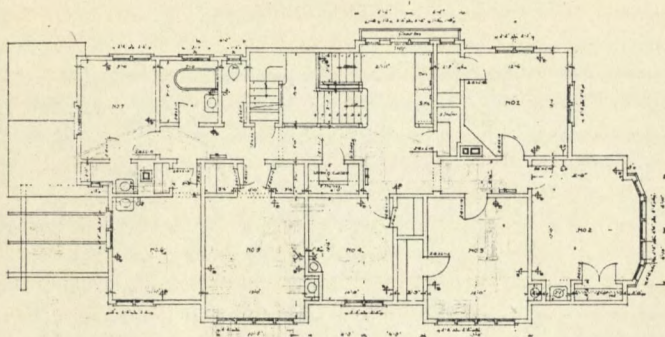
Would we lay us down and die.”

In those undergraduate days we thought we knew very well what place our fraternity would take in our future lives. We had our decided opinions about the “old girls” who lost interest in Theta and we resolved that when we were “old girls” we would spend a large part of our time writing

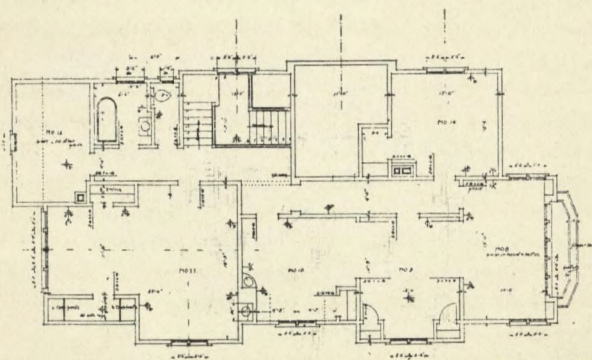


PLANS FOR OMEGA'S CHAPTER HOUSE





KAPPA ALPHA THETA HOUSE  
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA  
NO. 2 SECOND FLOOR PLAN  
1928  
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KAPPA ALPHA THETA HOUSE  
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NO. 3 THIRD FLOOR PLAN  
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PLANS FOR OMEGA'S CHAPTER HOUSE

articles for our fraternity journal and letters of appreciation to our chapter for invitations received, and signing checks to assist in defraying the expenses of said chapter. We knew well that we should attend every biennial convention and every annual chapter banquet, even if our lot was cast thousands of miles from our college town, and we eagerly looked forward to the time when we should inherit, marry or earn enough wealth to build on our college campus a chapter house which should out-rival those of all our rival fraternities.

But life comes, and doesn't bring the inheritance. It brings the marrying or the earning or both, but with them new duties and responsibilities, and the years go by and we find that we have lost touch with active fraternity life. We haven't written any articles; we haven't built a chapter house, and sometimes we have even failed to answer cordial letters of invitation or earnest appeals for counsel or help from our young Theta sisters.

The question then arises to the graduate, "Was it all worth while,—the affection and enthusiasm given, the time and energy spent?" "Youth ended," when we "try our gain or loss thereby." Shall we count our fraternity life on the side of loss? And the answer comes without hesitation. I believe, from the average fraternity woman,—Is was worth while."

Barrett Wendell in his "France of Today," contrasting French college life with American, speaks feelingly of the "good comradeship" which exists in the latter. He says: "Technically, the French training is better, in some respects despairingly so,—but the American boy, no matter how careless of his studies, who has passed four years at college will find himself as a human being the better for life in consequence,—the more sympathetic, the richer in human quality."

The question of the advantages and disadvantages of fraternity life has been much discussed, and I do not propose to enter into the discussion here, but, as a fraternity woman and a graduate of several years standing, dropping



every other argument, I would present this "good comradeship," this "sympathy and richness in human quality" as the supreme advantage of the fraternity both to the college student and the graduate, and perhaps as a greater advantage to the latter than to the former.

Our fraternity probably did not add to our intellectual attainments, but we realize more and more as the years go by that it added to our humanity. We are broader and more sympathetic, if not wiser women, because during those four college years we came into close human relationship with our fraternity sisters.

In the far western town in which I live, I put a card in the morning paper, ten years ago, asking that all college fraternity women meet me at my home the next afternoon. I knew only two, but prepared for five, and fifteen came. These women differed widely from each other in social station, in intellect and in wealth; they were from various churches, or no church at all; they were of various occupations—mothers, teachers and professional women—and five fraternities were represented, but we were all college girls to each other, and we spent a most enjoyable afternoon together, as old friends might who had been long apart. Before we separated we decided to meet once each month, but to have no organization and no programme,—only an afternoon spent voluntarily in friendly intercourse; and from that day until now we have never failed to meet at the appointed time in goodly numbers, and I believe that we always leave these meetings feeling that we have regained something of inestimable value which the world was taking away from us. The Pan-Hellenic will not make us wiser; it will add nothing to our social position, our wealth or our fame; it will not directly make us more charitable or compassionate, but, in a world filled with "greetings where no kindness is" we can turn to it with confidence that at least we shall spend one day in each month with those whose greetings are filled with kindness.

This for the fraternity woman at a distance from her college town; but ten, fifteen or twenty years go by, and she

goes back to commencement. The buildings look strange and unhomelike, you miss many of the old familiar faces among the faculty, and the chances are that not one of your classmates are there, but your first caller wears the kite-shaped pin and gives you the old familiar grasp; others follow and are "so glad you have come," and, although you have never seen their faces before, you know that you are among friends. Then comes the little black and gold missive which bids you to the banquet and you go and find the hearty welcome and the place reserved at table for you as if it had been vacant all these years in anticipation of your return.

You think with regret of the letters you haven't written and the chapter house you haven't built. You join again with earnestness in the old familiar song,—

"Theta, dear Theta,  
At thy shrine our knees we bend,"

and you realize as you never have before that you have bent the knee at many worldly shrines less worthy of your adoration than the shrine of Kappa Alpha Theta.

CLARA COLBURN,  
Lambda Chapter.

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## THE SEVENTH INTER-SORORITY CONFERENCE

Hotel Stratford, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 10-12, 1908.

Since a full report of this conference has been sent to every active chapter and to all officers of all organizations taking part in the conference, we call attention only to a few of the more salient points discussed. Anyone wishing the full report may obtain it by requesting a copy from Miss L. P. Green, 15 East Ave., Ithaca, N. Y.

The Seventh Intersorority Conference is proud to announce that henceforth Wisconsin fraternity chapters will conform to the Intersorority Conference rule prohibiting the pledging of non-matriculates.



## 3. INTERSORORITY CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION.

Alpha Omicron Pi reported an affirmative vote upon the proposed constitution. As all the other represented fraternities had endorsed this constitution at the time of the Sixth Conference, a motion was carried that the official organization of Intersorority Conference shall be the constitution as printed in report of the Sixth Conference.

## 6. DEANS' CONFERENCE.

The following report from the Conference of Intersorority delegates with Deans of Women in December, 1907, was submitted:

The Deans of Women of State Universities were in substantial agreement on the following topics of interest to fraternity women:

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*Parties.*—The use of University buildings for parties is advised wherever this is possible, as opposed to clubs and halls not located on the campus.

## 7. PAN-HELLENIC RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are submitted to local Pan-Hellenics with the request that each Pan-Hellenic give them careful consideration, and, as far as practical, adopt the principles of each recommendation.

A. Every Pan-Hellenic *must* conform to the by-law that requires each fraternity chapter to be represented in Pan-Hellenics by one active and *one alumna* member. It is urged that *alumnæ* members be chosen with great care. Women several years out of college, who are in close touch with their University's and their chapter's life, and in sympathy with Intersorority Conference ideas and work—upon which they should be well informed—should be chosen for these positions. A long tenure of office for efficient *alumnæ* members is also deemed advisable.

B. Pan-Hellenics are urged to adopt a rule requiring definite scholarship attainment in the University, as a qualification for eligibility to fraternity membership.

C. We recommend to Pan-Hellenics that they endeavor to restrict the expense, number and duration of social functions and engagements by women's fraternities as far as is compatible with local conditions.

F. We strongly recommend that each Pan-Hellenic have some

general meetings to which *all* fraternity members are invited and allowed to take part in discussions—meetings to read and discuss Intersorority Conference reports; shortcomings of our last compact; effects of a Sophomore pledge day in our college, etc.

G. Since at the University of Wisconsin an organization of the resident alumnae of all fraternities has proved most helpful in solving fraternity and University problems concerning rushing, social life, etc., it is the concensus of opinion in this Conference that a similar organization would prove helpful in every University where fraternities are represented. It is therefore suggested that in each Pan-Hellenic the alumnae members take the initiative in forming such an organization for their college.

#### 8. FRATERNITY RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are submitted to each fraternity with the strong hope that each Grand President will urge their adoption in the policies of her fraternity:

C. That each fraternity, with ideals of honor and faith in the integrity of others, emphasize these points in the policy of its chapters.

#### 9. INTERSORORITY RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations were adopted by the Seventh Intersorority Conference:

C. That a committee be appointed to draw up an interfraternity code concerning the dismissal of members, withdrawing of invitations, breaking of pledges. Committee: Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta, and Delta Delta Delta.

D. That the name of this Conference be changed to *National Pan-Hellenic Conference*.



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## RUSHING

Perhaps the good side of "rushing" needs emphasis now and then. I always think in connection with this poor old berated institution of "rushing" of the old definition of education now fallen into disrepute, that it is a "preparation for life," for the qualities that make one really successful in rushing are the ones that make one successful in all social life afterwards. Tact, alertness and self-forgetfulness are without doubt the qualities that go to make the successful "rusher" and the girl who possesses or develops these qualities becomes later the sort of woman whom we all love to meet in social intercourse. Since "rushing" seems to be an indispensable adjunct of fraternity life it might be just as well to accept it philosophically and treat it merely as an extra subject in a "long course" of Social Culture, omitted by mistake from the printed programs of study.

## NOBLESSE OBLIGE

A very modern interpretation of this beautiful old motto which we so inadequately translate, "Rank imposes obligation," may be made by some of us who are alumnæ members of Kappa Alpha Theta. The fact that a Theta pin has been placed upon us, however remotely in the past the event may have occurred, imposes a never-terminated obligation not lightly to be disregarded. It means that since we are members of Kappa Alpha Theta, we should be willing, not merely to share in its triumphs, but to sacrifice in its interests. The difficulty may rest in the fact that we are identified with many organizations and some must be neglected, for as the Spectator in *The Outlook* remarked not long ago,, as a nation we are great "joiners." But it seems hardly fair not to be willing to sacrifice as much for Kappa Alpha Theta which had so large a share in moulding the ideals and determining the friendships of our whole lives, as for another organization which bids fair at best to have but

temporary claims. This is not an advocacy of the neglect of duties that lie even nearer than fraternity obligations; it is merely a proposition to the effect that the alumnæ chapter is entitled to at least a "square deal" with the other organizations to which we may belong.

**BANQUET  
PROGRAMS**

The committee appointed to prepare a list of toasts for a banquet is usually at sea for appropriate topics and thus possibly a few suggestions may be welcomed.

Would it not be appropriate for every chapter to toast the Grand Council, those eight women who give so liberally of time and thought in guiding our fraternity interests in the wisest course?

Could not a visitor at some past convention make such an entertaining story out of her pleasure and experiences that many would be influenced to include in next summer's vacation plans, a trip to the Theta Convention of 1909?

**TOWN GIRLS  
HOUSE PARTY**

Rho has a custom that seems worth mentioning. This is the town-girls' house-party. It is held at Thanksgiving and often again at Christmas. The town-girls, with several alumnæ, move into the house shortly after the house-girls have left for their vacation. Thus the town-girls are afforded a glimpse of the side of fraternity life of which they are usually deprived. One of the most enjoyable affairs is the dinner-dance, the last night. For this are invited various other fraternity girls who live in town.

**GIRLS' STUDENT  
MOVEMENT  
AT OHIO STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

The opening of a new girls' dormitory at Ohio State University this fall, has increased the number of girls in the college, and made it desirable that there should be an organization, which might bring all the girl students in the university together. Such an organization has this year been started, and goes by the name of the Girls' Student Movement or Girls' Student Council.



This idea had its beginning last spring when a group of about twenty of the college girls partly refurnished the girls' rest room, adding several new pieces of furniture, making pillows, and putting up new curtains.

Having accomplished this much the idea came to them of forming an organization in which all the girls of the college might take part. Accordingly a mass meeting was held, at which officers consisting of a member from each of the three upper classes, were elected. Each class chose an advisor from among the faculty women (two of whom are Thetas), to meet with them. It has been decided to establish a day in the spring resembling the May Day or Pageant Day of other colleges. Plans are now being made for such an event in which all the girls in college shall take part. Each class is preparing its own special entertainment for this day, which will include a class song. These songs will be kept so that each year only the freshmen will add theirs.

This Student Council also intends to take charge of the "Co-ed Prom." this year. This is a dance given annually by the girls of the university at which only girls are present. All come dressed in fancy costume, half as men and half as girls.

The Council has also taken upon itself the care of the girls' study room and by next year will probably have the management of the Girls' Glee Club, which is a flourishing organization here. The idea is, in time, to manage all girls' affairs, and in addition, to work for the establishment of a woman's building, and a dean of women.

JEAN HUNTINGTON.

## EXCHANGES

Exchange editor, MYRA POST CADY.

Exchanges will please see that the following addresses are on their exchange lists:

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We acknowledge with pleasure the following exchanges:

February: *Centaur*.

March: *Garnet and White*.

April: *Scroll, Lyre, Caduceus, Arrow, Kappa Alpha Journal, Phi Chi Quarterly, Shield, Phi Gamma Delta*.

May: *Alpha Phi Quarterly, Eleusis, Themis, Delta Upsilon Quarterly, Caduceus, Garnet and White, Record, Centaur, Sigma Chi Quarterly, Delta Chi Quarterly, Delta, Phi Gamma Delta*.

June: *Kappa Alpha Journal, Trident, Alpha Tau Omega Palm, Caduceus, Shield, Scroll, Rainbow*.

July: *Arrow, Alpha Phi Quarterly, Lyre*.

August: *Centaur, Shield, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta*.

September: *Alpha Tau Omega Palm, Delta Chi Quarterly, Sigma Chi Quarterly, Record, Delta Upsilon Quarterly, Garnet and White*.

October: *Key, Scroll, Shield, Caduceus, Beta Theta Pi*.

November: *Alpha Phi Quarterly, Arrow, Lyre, Trident, Rainbow, Centaur, Delta, Caduceus, Garnet and White, Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Xi Delta, Eleusis*.

December: *Shield, Scroll, Alpha Tau Omega Palm, Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Among the interesting but unquotable material found in the exchanges at hand are the tables of relationships, chapter houses, transfers, etc., presented by the April



*Shield*, a table of distribution of undergraduate membership in the various courses in the *May Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, and a map showing district boundaries and location of active and alumni chapters in the *Delta*. Dr. Julius Grinker has a timely presentation of the much-discussed subject of Psychotherapy in the *May Centaur*. *Alpha Xi Delta* offers a symposium on *College Customs*, which is very readable. Much may be gleaned also from the many convention numbers. In fact, there is an abundance of splendid material before us, the difficulty being, even more than usual, to select and to cut.

For instance, we wish that we might present here the entire article on *Our Ideals* in the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, instead of culling out the following bits:

As a matter of fact—let it be recorded to counteract the chapter letters—"everyday scholarship" is rather more in fashion than it used to be. The student of today is subject to requirements that would have been a hardship indeed twenty years ago, and, generally speaking, he is meeting the requirements. It must be admitted that fraternity men and women, as a class, are not at present leading the procession in scholarship. Chapter house life, as at present enjoyed, or endured,—as the case may be,—is not favorable to close application, nor to wide acquaintance, and when an irrepressibly ambitious student goes from a fraternity into Phi Beta Kappa, he usually finds himself fraternized with people not on his calling list.

However, the danger is not that scholarship will go out of fashion, nor that fraternity people will be permitted to lag perceptibly behind their independent class-mates; uncompromising faculties will see to that. The danger is that fraternities will be discredited because their standards of distinction are not those of the institutions which make their existence possible. The alarming thing is the attitude not so much toward our work as toward our leisure. Analyze that which we recognize as culture in the persons whose superiority impresses us, and we generally find that our admiration is commanded most by the fruits of leisure hours—those hours which have enriched life through art, music, literature, stimulating discussion with many persons in many fields, the play of wit, the dreams of youth, the vision of a better social order. Tell me what a person does with his leisure—that time which is his for spending—and I will tell you whether he is a person of distinction, or only

one of a crowd. Here, and not in the office of the registrar, is the true measure of what we are getting at the university.

It is generally easier to live up to our ideals when we are not too much tempted to think of material things. With no roof over our heads to keep in repair, we may with less effort look up and see the stars. \* \* \* \*

It is still an unsettled question whether the chapter house, with all its alluring possibilities, does not roof out more than it roofs in.

The following has points of applicability to the women's fraternities, as well as the men's:

The man who is only a fraternity man is no man at all.

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I venture the assertion that if each Beta who reads this page will try to pick out the best fraternity man he knew in college, most of them will hit upon names that were almost as popular outside as inside their respective chapters.

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The narrowing and exclusive tendency of fraternity is noticeable mainly among the narrow men, among the second-rate fraternity men, who are also intrinsically second-rate men.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

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To us who live in chapter houses, a thousand and one questions come up for decision, each of which takes long and careful thought when a few words from some wiser head would have quickly eased the burden. Other chapters find this true, I know. Why, then, may we not, in the *Eleusis*, have articles by different chapters on methods which they have tried and found good, articles on the organization of work, suggestions as to the servant problem, or the systematic keeping of books? Or, why could not some council member give advice born of a tried experience, or conduct a department of the *Eleusis* on this special subject?—*Eleusis*.

Next in order, but first in importance, is the dining-room. In a certain chapter house we know this is the brightest, airiest, and cheeriest room of all—just as it should be. In furnishing a dining room at least two things should govern selection—plain things, but the best one can afford. The table is a part of one's education and all details should be carefully looked after.

Then the food,—how important this is! Girls who are doing good, strong work need good, wholesome nerve and muscle-build-



ing food. It sometimes happens that the menu runs like this: Breakfast—Toast, egg-o-see, or some other brand of sawdust, swallowed in the Christian name of "breakfast food." Coffee—by many another name as good. Milk—that a cow would be ashamed to own. When breakfast starts a day like this, it is unnecessary to give the menu for the remaining meals. It simply means that the girls who are not already sick go away to their recitations hungry. Before the dinner hour arrives those who can afford to buy extras have had a chocolate, a box of crackers and some more chocolate. This program repeated six days out of the week for even half a semester brings its own headache reward. To correct such a situation, the first step is to choose with great care the head of the house. The young woman who has been in school long enough to have established a confidence in her ability to do things well would be a wise appointment. The chaperon's experience and judgment should be valuable, and a wise house manager will avail herself of the opportunity to confer with the chaperon frequently. Tact, common sense, harmony of spirit and purpose will change the careless table to the well-regulated one inside of a month. This goes a long way toward the comfort and health of the household.—*Lyre*.

If building plans are based on such a safe and sane policy, the alumni may be depended on to respond liberally to requests for financial assistance. In our opinion, however, two things are important. One is that a representative of the building committee should see the alumni in person when soliciting assistance. Much more money will be raised that way than by sending out circulars or letters, as such communications are apt to be thrown into waste paper baskets. The other important matter is to request alumni to subscribe to chapter house bonds, secured by mortgage on the property, in addition to whatever amounts they are willing to give outright. Alumni may be asked to subscribe to second mortgage bonds, while first mortgage bonds may be issued to a trust company or some other financial institution. In this way sufficient funds for acquiring a good property may be secured by any chapter. Alumni will assist to a much larger extent by subscribing to bonds than by donations, even though the bonds are secured by only a second mortgage.

A final word: While times are hard, it would be well for chapters to cut out some of their expensive receptions and entertainments, if they interfere with making payments on debts for chapter houses or house furnishings, or if they interfere with a chapter

acquiring a house or furnishing a rented one. Social functions given by chapters in moderation are all right, but there are more important things to be considered. A permanent home is more to be desired than a series of dances.—*The Scroll*.

The writer believes that after the building of fraternity houses the next step will be the foundation of chapter endowment funds. Certain of the older chapters have established "scholarship funds," the income of which is to be used to pay the initiation fees or membership dues of desirable men. A few, in the hope of keeping some of the best men in residence at the house for a year or two after graduation, are establishing funds for graduate scholarships or fellowships in the college. Other funds for libraries, for the giving of annual dinners, for keeping up close relations with the alumni, or for reducing the cost of undergraduate membership, may perhaps already exist, or may be established in the future.—*Delta*.

Further excellent suggestions for chapter libraries—a noticeable lack in most chapter houses:

Let us establish libraries! What kind of libraries? Chapter libraries! Think of the pleasure and importance of it! The idea once formulated will surprise you in its rapid development. With a *Lyre* file, Baird's Manual, The Sorority Hand Book, your chapter books, a chapter scrap book and kodak book (chapter libraries are in a privileged class), you already have a nucleus, around which chapter birthdays, Christmasses, and loving alumnae will soon build a library which will inspire pride.

No matter what books find their way into this collection, we feel confident that no two will be more popular than the Chapter History and the kodak book. What help the former will be to the future chapters. What enthusiasm it will engender! While the latter will hold almost as sacred a place in the hearts of all as the old-fashioned family album. It will imbue personality into names which no amount of written description can approach; and think of the pleasure "old girls" will derive when, on a visit to the chapter, they can pour over this album, which with quick transition carries them back to their college days, overwhelming them with its rush of memories! How simple the task of maintaining these books! A committee appointed to keep a memoranda of the chapter life, with its problems and their solution, its attainments, its scholarship, its entertainments, attractive innovations or special features in the initiation, and so on to the complete portrayal of chapter life, will find the slight labor involved will be a labor of



love, and this and the kodak book, which should be in charge of all the girls, would, we predict, become the two best loved books of the chapter.—*Lyre*.

Some plan must be formed and executed if there is to be a chapter library, and here is a suggestion: Christmas and birthdays are as much a part of a chapter's life as of its members. If, on each of these dates the different girls would present the chapter with a book, a library of large dimensions would soon be the result. Some moderation is necessary, however, since the girls are not wealthy. Instead of giving a book, let each girl place a contribution of money in a box provided for this purpose, so that when the box is opened at the commencement meeting each year there will be a substantial sum, which may be invested by a chosen committee in books worth while.

The contents of the library could safely and wisely be left in the hands of a well chosen committee. Some books should be there without fail. On one shelf the initiate ought to find the bound volumes of the *Quarterly*, in the front of which there is the list of chapters. Here also, should be all the literary publications of the chapter as well as those of other chapters that have found prominence in the world of books.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

In this connection, the following is pertinent:

We may not have heard too much about captains of industry, and college men in high finance, but we have heard far too little of quiet thought and broad culture. Surely a college man ought to look on the world with a certain breadth of view. And yet we all know college-bred men who might as well be on a desert island as shut up in their own minds—and that with a universe of thought at their elbows.

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There is room for it indeed, and there is room for organizations like ours, that try at least to catch and echo some of the higher music of the fairer things. I would have our fraternity to take her initiates just at the impressionable period of new experiences in life, and impress upon them that the things of the spirit are forever exalted above the things of the hand; that America is not men and money, but an idea that has changed and shall change the world; that patriotism is a mightier force than battleships; that beauty is sometimes above utility; that friendship is a fairer thing than broad estates; that thought is a richer possession than wealth; and that our fraternity holding these things true, is not a

mere social club, but an idea and an ideal of American manhood.—*Delta*.

The college bred man should possess, above all things, culture. Culture is the appreciation, not simply contemplative but active and efficient, of the non-economic values. \* \* \* Your properly bred college man will put on no airs, neither take off any. He is not ashamed of what is obscure, having opinions but not opinionated, firm without stubbornness, fine yet not effeminate, respectful to the past yet no slave to tradition.—Quoted from Dr. Andrews in *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Alpha Lambda has hit upon a novel plan as a substitute for an alumni letter. The chapter proposes in the future to issue semi-annually a printed bulletin which will be sent to all alumni and former members of the chapter. Vol. I, No. 1, issued last spring, includes articles on "The Condition of Alpha Lambda," "The Initiates of the Year," "Alumni notes," chapter directory, and items of interest regarding the university. The scheme offers many interesting features, and if worked out carefully, is sure of success.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

Last December an article was published giving an account, unfortunately incomplete, of the growth of chapter newspapers. Since that time no less than six other chapters have made the experiment, and the unanimous verdict after each of these little sheets has made its bow is that the alumni received it enthusiastically.

The advantages of such publications scarcely need enumeration. The pulse of the alumnus beats perceptibly faster when he reads that the boys are preparing to build a new home; that their rushing has been unusually successful; that a fine dance has just been given, possibly in the same old hall where he danced away many pleasant hours. Then maybe he gets some interesting news from "Jack," or "Bill," or "Skinny," or "Dumps," or some other of the old fellows whom he has temporarily lost trace of. Before he realizes it, he decides to go back to the old camping ground at commencement, or the next time the boys get together for some big affair. Perhaps his enthusiasm takes another form, and he encloses a small check in a letter of congratulation, and tells the chapter to use it in the next rushing party and "lick the —s to a standstill, as we used to do in my day." There are other ways in which the rejuvenation may manifest itself, but rest assured it will be there when the messenger of news reaches its destination.

Those who have established chapter newspapers need no further urging to continue them. To the others, a trial is suggested. The newspaper will do the rest.—*Phi Gamma Delta*.



This from Governor Hughes is splendid counsel for us all:

If I were asked to tell Delta Upsilon what it should do, I would say very briefly this: Never let any snobbery enter your chapter-house. Never think of taking a man into your chapter because of his father, or his family, or his wealth, or his good looks, or his clothes, or anything which is external. You can soon dissipate all your power and be reduced to the low level attained by those who fill our clubs and amount to nothing in making the world go round, if you lose the true spirit of Delta Upsilon, which takes the boy as he comes to college for what he reveals of himself in mental power, in moral purpose, in earnestness, in the desire to make the most of his college work. Fill your chapters full of these men and they will grow up to the other standards to which your expectations rise.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Also have your *Lyres* for the year bound—the expense is trifling—then go over them in chapter meeting to see if among the letters, the articles, the editorials, and the exchanges, there is not some hint which remains unacted upon, and other matters to be discussed together, which may help you greatly. We suggest that one person have charge of each number, bringing up the matters she has collected from the various departments, for general or individual discussion. In this manner, take up the current *Lyres* also, so that at the end of the year, eight will have been reviewed. It would amply repay you to arrange an exchange with other fraternities, so as to take up their editions in the same way.—*Lyre*.

#### THE "EASY CHAIR."

There's a seat somewhere, so the rumor runs,  
 Called the editor's easy chair,  
 Where he sits all day in luxurious ease,  
 With never a thought of care.

He never has to write five times  
 For copy that's over-due,  
 And chapter letters and stories came  
 On the mail they're expected, too.

Ah! whisper the *Lyre*, ye dreamers of dreams,  
 The way to that wonderful place.  
 For ye editor surely would swoon with delight  
 Should she meet it face to face. —*Lyre*.

## EDITORIALS

The installation of Alpha Lambda followed almost immediately the publication of our May issue, and our November number was a catalogue, so that, although the chapter was established seven months ago, this is our first opportunity to welcome our new north Pacific chapter. But though the welcome is late, it is none the less hearty. We confidently expect that the strength and tenacity of purpose shown by Alpha Tau Delta, the only local among a large group of nationals, will enable Alpha Lambda to take at once that strong position to which Kappa Alpha Theta is entitled.

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With equal pleasure we welcome Omicron Alumnæ, established at Seattle, Washington, on November 18. The continued interest and activity of its alumnæ are both evidence and cause for the prosperity of Kappa Alpha Theta. Let "Alumnæ Organize" be our slogan. The more alumnæ chapters we have, the better. Here there is no limit to the expansion which we can healthfully assimilate. We wish all prosperity to Omicron Alumnæ, and we hope that soon the petitioning alumnæ in Topeka, Kansas, and in Denver, Colorado, will have received their charters. The new catalogue with its geographical list should be a great stimulus to the organization and growth of alumnæ chapters throughout the country.

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Not only do we welcome the greater number of alumnæ chapters, but we welcome especially the new activities of these chapters, which are demonstrating so ably that they live not to themselves alone. Gamma Alumnæ has its Help Committee, ready and able to give assistance of any kind to Thetas who are strangers in New York. Iota Alumnæ has long worked for the Scholarship, and in this work other chapters stand ready to help. All the alumnæ chapters have



expressed their desire to meet and be of service to Thetas in their vicinity. We urge all Kappa Alpha Thetas who are within reach of alumnæ chapters to make themselves known to the chapter; and, that this may be more readily done, we suggest that every alumnæ chapter send us a notice of the time and place of its meeting, and the name and address of the chairman of its membership committee. These notices will be published hereafter in each number of the Journal.

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"In Union there is strength" may be an old adage, but it is likewise an eternal truth. Seven years of coöperative effort among women's fraternities bring the National Pan-Hellenic Conference to the threshold of 1909 as a permanent, efficient organization.

In retrospect there is the first conference, representing but seven fraternities and hoping by resolutions to bring the millenium in "rushing problems." The millenium has not come as yet, but today twelve fraternities are coöperating in the movement which is bringing the ideal fraternity life nearer by practical advance—one step at a time.

Kappa Alpha Theta believes in this Pan-Hellenic movement. It is an efficient aid for the attainment of Theta ideals. If our college chapters are to get the best from local Pan-Hellenics, they must give their best and most sincere coöperation to the work. Select your representatives (both active and alumnæ) upon the Pan-Hellenic board with great care and then give to their efforts your intelligent interest and loyal support.

We wish our chapters to work especially for the Seventh Conference's recommendation that local Pan-Hellenics broaden the horizon of their interests beyond "rushing" and that they coöperate for the improvement of every phase of fraternity life. Also, that with Theta ideals of honor and integrity of contracts, you credit other fraternities with equally high principles, and insist that trust and confidence be the controlling spirit in your Pan-Hellenic compacts. From our alumnæ we ask the initiative in clever adaptation

of National Pan-Hellenic principles to the life of your college.

May Thetas, individually and collectively, give their earnest coöperation to the Pan-Hellenic movement! May each succeeding New Year spell Progress for the National Pan-Hellenic Conference!

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We have included among our exchanges several clippings advocating chapter libraries. We heartily endorse these suggestions for chapter kodak, memory books, etc. But may we add a plea too for other books—for those books which one expects to find in the library of any person of taste—poetry, history, the great fiction, essays—whatever can be truly called the literature of the world. How much such a library might aid in the broadening which most college students, walled in by the routine of their daily work, so badly need! A wisely chosen library, conveniently placed, may do as much to educate those who live in a chapter house as all the hours spent in prescribed college work. It is in the selection of such a library that alumnæ can be of most benefit to the chapter—in other than a material way.

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We welcomed the timely article in this issue upon "Chapter Business," and sincerely hope the suggestions contained therein will be acted upon by the chapters without delay. Upon the work of the corresponding secretary the writer did not dwell, and upon that the editor will deliver a little homily.

We wonder if the chapters realize how quickly a careless or procrastinating secretary will give a whole chapter a reputation for inefficiency. We also wonder whether the chapters have the remotest idea how much time and labor are required for that fraternity work which is done by the Council officers, whose greatest reward is merely the consciousness that that work has been done to the best of their ability. Many of these tasks are the merest drudgery, and



this really laborious work can be accomplished only when it is so systematized that it becomes machine-like. Those secretaries who postpone answering letters till a convenient time, those who think it unimportant to follow directions in detail but who send instead something "just as good," add infinitely to the labor of the officers. This method of doing business shows, to say the least, little of the spirit of fraternal helpfulness.

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But right here we want to acknowledge the prompt and careful work of secretaries in Alpha district. With these, and a few others here and there, it has been a pleasure to do business.

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The following plea was received recently from an alumna: "I do wish the *alumnæ* letters could be a little more copious. I think if both active and *alumnæ* chapters knew how much these 'personals' mean to those of us who are out of college and not near enough to see the girls often, they would strive to cherish every bit of news to send to the *Journal*."

*Alumnæ*, it rests with you to help here. You who are each in touch with a few of the older girls, send us all the news you have. In the aggregate we could thus have a great deal. Every reader can help to make the *Journal* interesting. Not one item of news has been sent in by the newly appointed *alumnæ* secretaries. We thought they would be so interested in gathering news that we should have to enlarge the *Journal* to make space for it. Our active chapters naturally know most of recent graduates, and only the *alumnæ* themselves can keep up their own department. Get busy, everybody, and help!

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We want more up-to-date college news, too. *Alumnæ* and active members both, send in all the items you can.

The new Song Book promises to become as popular as the most sanguine could have hoped. The committee gratefully acknowledges both the verbal and written expressions of appreciation which they have received. It is hoped that all the chapters will send in their orders promptly to Mrs. C. B. Whittier, 5601 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, so as to become familiar with the new edition early in the year. Every chapter should own a number of chapter copies so that it will not be left without books when the girls now active have gone. Let all practice the songs for the July convention and be ready to choose our national song from the three now under consideration.

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We have spent much time over chapter letters during the last year, more time perhaps than their importance might be thought to warrant. But we point with pride to the result, a collection of letters, some of which are genuinely interesting to all, depicting local ceremonies or conditions of the various colleges. Moreover, we believe we have at last reached the minimum of meaningless sentimentality, so far removed from genuine fraternity feeling. We rejoice over even this much of progress, and to those editors who have not only omitted the conventional greetings and self-congratulations, but who have found topics of real interest to substitute for the usual list of dances and games, we offer sincere praise. Keep it up, editors, all of you. We should like especially to call attention to the letters from Sigma, Alpha Lambda, and Psi.

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We offer most sincere apologies for the unavoidable delay in issuing the November Journal. Its size as well as the great care necessary in verifying addresses, etc., made both type-setting and proof-reading a very slow process. Care has been taken to make it as accurate as possible, yet we know it must contain many mistakes. All who find such mistakes, or who can verify doubtful addresses or initials,



will confer a favor by sending corrections to the editor. These will be published in the Journal for the use of all.

Changes of address, marriages, etc., published in the Journal, should be at once transferred to your catalogue. With this care your catalogue may be kept up to date. The thanks of the whole fraternity are due Miss Stillman and her efficient committee for the laborious work so successfully completed.

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Any subscribers for 1908-1909 who have not received a catalogue, or who do not receive their Journals regularly, will please notify the editor, that the mistake may be rectified.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gamma Alumnae meets the first Saturday in the months from November to April inclusive, at the Hotel Martha Washington, 29 East Twenty-Ninth street, New York City, at 11:30 o'clock. The chapter cordially welcomes any Kappa Alpha Theta in or about New York. There is also a Help Committee, the object of which is to be of service in any possible way to Kappa Alpha Thetas in the vicinity.

Chairman of the Help Committee is Miss Florence Durstine, 67 Riverside Drive, New York City.

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National Committee of the Kappa Alpha Theta Scholarship:

Mrs. C. W. Eichrodt, 1418 Jersey St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. H. W. Wilson, 806 S. E. Fourth St., Minneapolis, Minn.

Miss Mary G. Cummings, 5402 Bartmer Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. W. A. Beasley, 148 S. 11th St., San Jose, Cal.

Mrs. P. F. Matzinger, 306 S. Leavitt St., Chicago, Ill.

A charter has been granted to the Delta Psi group at the University of Missouri. The chapter will be known as Alpha Mu. The notice of this charter was received too late for further comment but an account of the group and the installation of the chapter will be published in the March issue.

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Delta Alumnæ sends New Year's greetings to all the chapters and also a special invitation to all Thetas in or near Chicago to attend the annual Birthday Luncheon, which will be given this year at the Stratford Hotel, corner of Michigan Avenue and Jackson Boulevard, Saturday, January 16, at 12:30 o'clock.

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The following letter has been received from the Director of the New York Public Library. We publish it in the hope that the files requested or portions of it, may be furnished.

This Library has been receiving the "Kappa Alpha Theta" regularly from Vol. 21, No. 1, in response to a request for aid in completing its collection of Greek-letter society publications, a favor which is appreciated. I am now desirous of securing copies of earlier issues and would be glad to receive any suggestions or other help toward securing them. If you have no file available for this purpose, it occurs to me that if a note to the effect that this Library needed such a set were placed in a forthcoming number, some member might see it who would be glad to donate a file.

Trusting to hear from you shortly, I am,

Very respectfully,

JOHN S. BILLINGS, Director.



## CHAPTER LETTERS

### Alpha District

#### IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

A fairly short but very trying rushing season culminated for us November 23 in the initiation of Janette McKenzie, '11, and six freshmen, Marie Beard, Margaret Connor, Helen Dixon, Margaret Mandeville, Katharine Potts, and Jean Potts. For the ceremony and banquet were present as usual most of our faculty and town alumnæ and also five of our Chi and two of our Sigma sisters. We were happy in having our beloved alumna, Abbie Potts, to aid in the welcoming of her sisters, and would gladly have greeted others who sent flowers and kind messages as their proxies.

Aside from rushing, the fall has been a busy one for most of us. In addition to heavy schedules there have been the usual number of teas, receptions, games, dances, and week-end parties to engage our time.

Among those who have visited the chapter have been our district president, Eva Capron, '92; Agnes Hau, *née* White, '94; Harriet Rose, *née* Bishop, '03, and Ebba Alm-gren, '06.

We are mourning the departure of Mrs. Carl Thomas, of Phi, our friend and hostess, but we are fortunate in having Mrs. Comstock again with us after her year's absence.

QUEENIE NORTHRUP HORTON, '09.

#### LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Lambda has pledged the following freshmen: Meta Helen Baker, Upper Montclair, New Jersey; Caroline Chandler Hatch, South Strafford, Vermont; Marjorie Juliana Hulburd, Burlington, Vermont; Clara Harmon Perry, Dorchester, Massachusetts; and Mary Jean Simpson, East Craftsbury, Vermont. Now that fate permits us to turn our attention elsewhere, we find several things of interest. Hallowe'en, the ladies of the faculty gave a dance for

the students in the gymnasium and all who preferred to do so went in New England costume.

All Lambdas were especially interested in an illustrated lecture given by Dr. Grenfell, November 10, as Ruth Keese, Lambda '05, has been assisting him in his work in Labrador for nearly two years.

A new lecture course on teaching has just been established at the university. The first lecture was on "The Training of the Memory," by President Buckham, and the second was "The Underlying Principles of the Academic or Liberal Course of Study," by Professor Emerson, Professor of History and Sociology. This course promises to be intensely interesting.

The athletic interest which has been centered in the sophomore-freshman football game has been satisfied by the victory of the freshmen, and has now turned to the question of a college skating rink. This means hockey, which ought to be an excellent substitute for basketball, lately abolished at Vermont.

Among the college girls there is an effort being made to revive the glee club which was abandoned a few years ago. As there is plenty of good material for such a club, we hope to be accomplishing marvels in a musical way by the time we write our next Journal letter.

RUTH VOTEX.

#### SIGMA—TORONTO UNIVERSITY

A special convocation of the University of Toronto was held on Wednesday, October 21, in Convocation Hall, for the purpose of conferring the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon the Right Hon. Viscount Milner, in person, and also *in absentia* upon the Right Hon. Earl Roberts of Kandahar, who had been prevented by illness from receiving the honor on a previous occasion. The chancellor of the university, Sir William Meredith, presided over convocation, and besides Lord Milner there were upon the platform many prominent men of the province, the president and members of the staffs of the various faculties of the university.



In presenting Lord Milner for the degree, President Falconer paid a high tribute to his worth as a brilliant scholar and to his achievements as a distinguished statesman, and said that the conferring of the degree was an expression of our university's appreciation of the compliment which Lord Milner paid to Canada when he came to study its problems first-hand.

Sir Charles Moss presented the name of the Right Hon. Earl Roberts, and spoke in sympathetic terms of the noted general whose great public service and private worth had made his name a household word throughout the British Empire. He thought it a satisfaction that the events which had compelled Lord Roberts to retire without the appreciatory tribute which the university had been ready to bestow upon him at an earlier date had occasioned the presentation of his name for the honor with that of his distinguished fellow countryman, who like Lord Roberts had given evidence of great courage and had met with wonderful success in the work of the preservation of the Empire.

When the honorary degrees had been conferred, convocation was declared closed and the chancellor called upon Lord Milner to address the students. At the conclusion of Lord Milner's address Sir Mortimer Clark presented to the university a banner, the gift of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. He read a letter from Earl Grey, the governor general, part of which I shall quote:

"On one side of the banner is the original flag of England, the time-honored emblem of St. George, suggesting at once the chivalry of the Crusades, the charity of the ambulance, and the self-sacrifice of the Cross.

"On the other side is a beautifully embroidered picture, suggesting the beauty and dignity of reverence and service. King Edward III is here represented on the battlefield of Crècy, pointing out to his son, the Black Prince, the flag of the dead king of Bohemia.

"Her Royal Highness hopes that the banner may inspire successive generations of undergraduates to adopt for the guidance of their lives the motto, 'I Serve,' which, from the

days of the Black Prince, has been the stimulating motto of every Prince of Wales."

Our rushing season was longer this year than it was last, asking day being November 13, and pledge day the Monday after, and in consequence it took us longer to settle down to every-day college life. We are proud to introduce to you our two pledges, Helen Smellie and Elsie Wilson, both of the year '12.

We have lately learned that one of the local groups here, Zeta Tau, is to receive a charter from the international fraternity Pi Beta Phi, and we expect that this will make our rushing even more keen than at present.

Iota chapter very kindly invited us to send delegates to their initiation on November 23, and two of our girls, Jessie Barber, '08, and Ida Carpenter, '09, accepted the invitation. They came back full of enthusiasm about Cornell and the girls there and so delighted with all the kindness they had received.

Great interest has been taken here lately by everyone in the football matches. Toronto University won the college championship for Canada, and only lost the championship of the Dominion by a few points in a very closely contested game with the Tigers of Hamilton.

We have been having a very interesting series of papers and talks in our Women's Literary Society, on William Morris, as author, craftsman and socialist. ALICE BALL.

#### CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

The initiation of our freshmen has been the happiest event in chapter life since our last letter. This was especially pleasant this year for we had with us four Iota Thetas, Lois Wing, Elizabeth Clark, Sarah Bailis and Cornelia Switzer. There were many alumnæ back at the banquet held the following evening, October 23, at the Vanderbilt. The scheme for the toast list was based on the symbolic growth of the pansy from the seed through the stages of leaf, bud, flower, up to the full-grown pansy plant.

On Thanksgiving day occurred a happy Theta wedding



when Mary Walker, '08, was married to Ethelbert Hungerford, Zeta Psi, S. U. '07, at her home in Oxford. Fourteen Thetas were present at the wedding.

On Hallowe'en, the shades of noted personages, such as Helen of Troy, Martha Washington, Priscilla, and Maud Müller, entertained at the chapter house, which was transformed into a veritable enchanted place, from Hades in the cellar to the gipsy fortune teller's tent in the attic.

On December 5, we entertained at a dinner dance in honor of our freshmen.

In a very few weeks we expect the opening of our new gymnasium which is nearing completion. In this building will be held our opening chapel exercises, commencement, and all large social functions.

The night before election the Silver Bay Club held a fake election for the women of the university. The four presidential candidates with their enthusiastic partisans were present, and after a picturesque parade led by a noisy band, the voting took place. Ballots were sold for two cents apiece and there was no limit to the number cast by a single person. Then refreshments were served and the toastmaster, Theodore Roosevelt, called on the nominees to respond to suitable toasts. On the announcement of the election returns, the party broke up. ELOISE ANDREWS.

#### ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Since there has been no intercollegiate football here this fall, great interest has been taken in class games, each team being trained by the regular college football coach. The senior team, having so many old varsity men, challenged a picked team from the other classes, which resulted in a very good contest.

Early in November our faculty entertained the faculties of Bryn Mawr, Princeton and University of Pennsylvania in our college library.

Just at present field hockey is the prevailing sport, and with both class and varsity matches we are kept strenuously busy. The new athletic field which we have so long desired

is at last in use, and almost every afternoon passersby may witness a more or less exciting game.

Miss Elizabeth Reed, an instructor of English, is a Theta from Epsilon Chapter.

A new photographic telescope has recently been installed which is considered as nearly perfect as human skill can make it, being only the second one of its kind ever constructed. It is very complete in every particular. Swarthmore is indeed much indebted to Senator Sproul for the gift.

On Friday, November 13, Dorothea Carter, '11; was initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta. The initiation was held at the home of Miss Annie Helborn, A.B. 1892, and our alumnæ turned out most loyally to honor the happy occasion.

At the wedding reception of Anna K. Wolff, A.B. 1904, now Mrs. Stanley Miller, Alpha Beta was well represented by both alumnæ and active members; there were so many Thetas it seemed almost like a reunion. Marguerite Campion, A.B. 1904, Alice Sullivan, A.B. 1904, Mary Lippincott, A.B. 1902, were the bridesmaids, while Katharine Wolff, A.B. 1908, was maid of honor.

Already this year we have had several supper parties in our rooms, and we find them lots of fun. After we have done our duty to the material side of the feast, we sing fraternity songs from the new song books and are generally hilarious.

November 20, Alpha Beta gave an informal tea to the faculty and women's fraternities of Swarthmore at the home of Anne Bunting, '09. The dean and several others of the faculty ably represented that side of college life and there was also a good showing from each of the fraternities. The general color scheme was yellow, this being emphasized by yellow chrysanthemums. The seniors acted as a reception committee and the first-year girls served in the dining room.

ETHEL M. ALBERTSON.

#### ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

On November 21, Alpha Delta initiated six freshmen and one sophomore. They are: Adele Hopkins, 1911, and Winifred Kavanaugh, Eleanor Hopkins, Ernestine Dulaney,



Pearl Hough, Laura Gary, and Margaret Gutelins, 1912. The initiation service was followed by a banquet at the Stafford Hotel. A number of our Baltimore alumnæ were with us, and also Caroline Golding, 1901, and Mabel Golding, 1904, from Wilmington, Del.

The toast scheme was called the "Round Table," the titles of the toasts being the names of magazines usually found on the library table. "Review of Reviews" was ably given by Ruth Hasleys, 1903. Christy Dulaney, 1907, followed with "The World's Work." "The Western Field" was toasted by Ethel Luccock, 1910. In "Success," Alma Jagger, 1911, reviewed the rushing season and its successful issue. Lucy Yancey gave the "Outlook," from the senior's point of view. The impromptu speeches of the freshmen constituted "The Children's Page."

In the basketball field Theta is represented by Katharine Lindsay, forward on the senior team, and Eleanor Hopkins, center for 1912. The annual tennis tournament occurred November 17, with 1912 the winners. As this was also pledge day, there was considerable excitement. Grace Bennett played on the sophomore team.

On Friday evening, November 16, the night before pledge day, an informal dinner was given at the home of Mrs. Esther Donnelly Smith, Psi, in Roland Park.

ETHEL LUCCOCK.

#### ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

It was a double pleasure for Alpha Epsilon that Miss Capron's visit came at the beginning of November, for, besides being a real treat for us at any time, by coming as it did in the fall it gave us a pleasant memory to keep with us all through the year. To say that Miss Capron was here only a day and a half—from Friday night to Sunday noon—goes not in the least toward telling what good friends we felt we had become when she went away. Her visit caused us just one regret, and that the old regret,—in having no chapter house where we might entertain our guest from welcome to speeding. But we made up for this lack as best we could by having supper together, and then drawing

our chairs around for a comfortable talk until it came time for "lights out."

We are coming to believe that the long inter-sorority contract here this year is working out well. Since the freshmen may not be asked to join any fraternity until spring, opportunity is being given for them to grow naturally into the college life, and also for us to become friends with them and to run less risk in deciding whom we wish to know the best of all. With "rush" parties limited, too, fraternity affairs are being kept in their own place; and the new girls feel more interest in entering into the larger activities of the college as a whole.

This first term has passed with the inter-class basketball games, the senior-junior debate, and many good times. December will bring us examinations and the holidays,—then come the new year and the new term.

CAROLINE M. MORTON.

#### ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Owing to the new regulation at Barnard that no student may be pledged before April of sophomore year, Alpha Zeta began the term with only eight members, the smallest active chapter in her history. Since then, however, two new recruits have come to swell our ranks. Meta McClelland, Alpha Delta '10, has affiliated with us, and on November 27 we joyfully initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta Eleanor Graham, '10, who recently transferred to Barnard from Randolph Macon.

We feel that the very late pledge day has not proved disastrous to our interests. The fact that our members are all upperclassmen in itself gives a certain dignity and standing to the chapter; and since we have all received some training in the fraternity we are able to develop our chapter life more fully and to become more closely knit together. To us the hardest side of a late pledge day lies in the fact that the younger students inevitably lose the training and personal influence which they might gain from that close relation with the seniors which fraternity life affords.

The local Pan-Hellenic has been struggling all the fall



over the framing of a constitution which shall suit the needs and wishes of the eight fraternities represented at Barnard. The association has never possessed an adequate constitution, and work was begun on one early last year. Finally, after many long and tedious sessions and numerous adjournments for advice, we have adopted a constitution which we hope will prove adequate and suitable. Throughout the discussions every member of the Pan-Hellenic has exhibited a splendid spirit of good will and consideration. The interfraternity relations are unusually pleasant at Barnard, and every fraternity is anxious to do whatever is for the best interest of the college. I speak of this because fraternities at Barnard are at present confronted with many difficulties which they are meeting with commendable bravery and open-mindedness.

Alpha Zeta wishes to express the great pleasure we have had in welcoming many Thetas from other chapters who have happened to be passing through New York. Sometimes we hear of Thetas in a roundabout way after they have left the city, whom we would have been glad to see had we known of them. I am sure that many Thetas must stop in New York during the winter, and we want to urge them to come to Barnard and look for us.

In closing, we wish to send hearty New Year greetings to all the chapters, and most especiall yto our new chapter on the Pacific.

THEODORA HALL.

#### ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

We were greatly excited by the unexpected news of Miss Capron's marriage to Mr. Wilson, on Tuesday, November 24. We wish her all possible happiness in her new life, but we cannot help a little jealousy when we think of losing her,—we all love her so, and she is such an ideal district president and has been such a good friend to all the Alpha Kappas. But we do not intend to let her forget us.

We are very happy to welcome into our chapter Alice Garnder, a girl who worked loyally for us before we were Thetas.

This year we are proud to tell you that the Thetas hold

a majority of the offices in college, and many of the most important ones, especially the senior presidency and the freshman presidency.

In compliance with the new rule passed at the Inter-Sorority Conference, we have elected an alumna delegate to the council, Emma Crane, who has done a great deal for the active chapter. We feel that with her valuable assistance our work in the Pan-Hellenic Association will seem much lighter.

Caroline Sutphin, a junior Theta, was elected by the college to represent them with the president of the Students' Self-Government Association at the conference held at Mt. Holyoke in November.

The freshman class is an unusually good one, and some of the strongest girls have been won by Theta. Our parties were great successes, so the *alumnæ* say, who have been mighty good to us, coming out strongly for every party. At first, we entertained the freshmen out of the city and had a glorious, informal time. The second entertainment was a very successful Salmagundi party at the home of an alumna. Our third one was the crowning glory of all—a fine banquet and a funny little play after it, given by a fossil and a senior. There again our *alumnæ* helped us, with toasts and speeches.

No small part of our success this year is due to Miss Braman, a Chi girl, who takes a great deal of interest in us and who has greatly endeared herself to our girls and to the freshmen. We also want to heartily thank the other Thetas in the city who have shown the new people how good Kappa Alpha Theta is in all parts of the country.

MARION SUKEFORTH.

### Beta District

#### ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

Initiation took place October 21. We initiated twelve freshmen.

On October 30, 1908, in the presence of the board of bishops, the board of trustees, the faculty and student body,



the new Carnegie library was formally dedicated in an address by President Hughes. The library, of white sandstone and Corinthian architecture, was erected at a cost of \$50,000, and is the gift of Andrew Carnegie. An amount equal to its cost has been subscribed for its maintenance. DePauw was much honored by having fifteen bishops of the Methodist church as its guests. Services were held in Meharry Hall and in the large reading room of the library. Owing to unavoidable delays the library will not be ready for use until January.

The college world is looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the inauguration of the new president, Francis J. McConnell, D.D., of Brooklyn, New Jersey. Mr. McConnell was unanimously elected by the board of trustees. As his present charge in Brooklyn expires in the spring, it is hoped that he will assume the duties of president before the school year closes.

HELEN E. SUNDAY.

#### BETA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA

The college year of 1908 started out splendidly for Indiana University. With a large enrollment, fine facilities for teaching, and a good faculty, everything was in the best possible shape. And for Beta chapter everything started out just as auspiciously. We were at liberty to "spike" on Tuesday, matriculation day, so our rush could be called a one-day rush. Besides drives, meeting the trains, little dinners, and more or less inpromptu dances for the girls who had come down early, we had two big events. One of these was a dance on Monday evening. The house was converted into a bower of goldenrod which, combined with Theta black and gold, made a striking effect, and there were novel little leather programs as souvenirs of the dance. At the luncheon on Tuesday the pansy idea was followed throughout, with pansies tied in black and gold ribbons as favors.

We take pleasure in presenting to you Arline Plunkett, Monticello, Ind.; Mary Francis Boyd, Delphi; Georgia Sembower, Garrett; Edith Wilk, Rushville; Jess Beeler,

Richmond; Helen Norris, Indianapolis; Bess Barlow, Sharpsville; Blanche Ott, Rockville; Uella Marie Williams, Indianapolis; Gladys Rieman, Connersville; Margaret Latham, Ula McCurdy, Bernice Kniser, Ida Chenoweth, Bloomington, Ind.

A Bible class has been organized in the sorority and meetings are held every Tuesday night. A definite course of study has been arranged, and we hope to get great benefit from the work this year.

The Thetas had a twelve day house party at Edgewater cotage on the Tippecanoe river, Monticello, Ind., from August 7 to 20. The last four days were made a rushing event, and eight new girls were entertained. It was a fortnight full of moonlight rows, long walks and drives, dancing, canoeing, bathing and loafing, and will be set down as one of the happiest memories of the fifteen Thetas who attended.

The chapter house has been improved by new draperies, upholstering and papering, given by the Beta Aid of Indianapolis.

"Le Cercle Français" made an all day trip to Brown county.

In the annual try-out of "Strut and Fret," a dramatic organization, Katharine Croan, 1911, Anderson, Ind., and Helen Norris, 1912, Indianapolis, Ind., were taken into the club. There are now five Thetas in this club of twenty members.

Much of the success of our rush was due to the wholehearted work and splendid organization of Hilda Palmer, 1909, Monticello, Ind., chairman of the rush committee.

Within the past year a beautiful stone well house has been erected on the campus by Mr. Rose, of Muncie, husband of a Beta Theta. It has become one of the favorite loafing places and rendezvous of Indiana students.

The Women's League, of which Hilda Palmer, 1909, Monticello, Ind., is president, gave a delightful reception October 9. Several Thetas took part in the program given that afternoon.

KATHARINE CROAN.



## GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

On October 10 we initiated twelve freshmen at the home of one of our alumnae and had a spread afterward at Helen Holton's. This addition made our chapter the largest in its history. By special permission of the Grand Council the alumnae and active chapter initiated, on November 23, Adele McMaster, who was a charter member of Gamma chapter but was attending school in Paris at the time of the installation. At the same time we took in one new girl Fern Brendel, from Zionsville, Indiana, who was at Oxford college for two years.

Several of our girls are interested in dramatics. Helen Davis is to be one of the leading ladies in a play to be given by the Dramatic Club in February, and several other freshmen are taking part in the production of a comic opera called "Professor Napoleon."

A Pan-Hellenic dance occurred on December 11. Each one went with a girl from a different fraternity and everyone seemed to enjoy the spirit of good fellowship shown there. The feature of the evening was the Dutch costume and lunch.

College spirit runs high at Butler, owing to the most successful football season we have had for several years. The closing game on Thanksgiving enabled us to claim the secondary championship in this state.

## EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER

Epsilon chapter is now rejoicing over nine new girls whom we have pledged. This increase in our chapter came quite unexpectedly. According to our Pan-Hellenic agreement with Kappa Kappa Gamma, we were to have pledge day in the spring the third week before school closed. The Pan-Hellenic rules were made very strict, the aim being to have as little rushing as possible. We were trying to get acquainted with the new girls in a perfectly natural way. It has been hard for us to become well acquainted with them, because nine of our girls live in town and we only

have four initiated Thetas in the dormitory. We have been unusually busy the past two weeks with outside interests, besides initiating our two pledges, who were sisters, and thus not under the Pan-Hellenic rules. The other fraternity saw their advantage and called a Pan-Hellenic meeting last Wednesday night and said that they were going to withdraw from Pan-Hellenic, giving as their excuse that we had broken the rules. Through a misunderstanding, one of our alumnæ had invited a new girl to a party which she gave, but we did not consider this as much against the rules as a party which they had given for some new girls, but which was given in the name of a mother of one of them. Another meeting was held Friday, and they wanted us to withdraw with them. We told them we would not consent, but they broke the contract, notwithstanding. We had prepared ourselves in case this would be the outcome, so both fraternities began to bid as soon as they withdrew from the Pan-Hellenic agreement. We realized that they had been working much harder than we, because we had been reserving our energy until later in the year when pledge day was nearer. We knew, too, that the new girls were much better acquainted with them and much more indebted to them; so you can imagine our surprise and joy when we found that we had won five bids from them and lost but one, and besides that had pledged three other fine girls. The following are the names of our nine new pledges: Belle Anderson, Grace Young, Faye McBride, Ruth Marquart, Florence May, Ada May, Louise Wadell, Nellie Kilgore, Amy March. We certainly are proud of these girls, for they will all be initiated Thetas in January, and it will mean for us that Kappa Alpha Theta will then be solid in college and town, for we will have eight active girls living in town, fourteen in the dormitory, and three in the Westminster Missionary Home. We feel sure that our victory is such a certain proof of Kappa Alpha Theta's strength and high standing that we can look forward to an era of continual prosperity.

KATHERINE MCCURDY.



## ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The most important event of the year thus far has been the initiation of our six new members, Ruby Scott, of Toledo, Ohio; Louise Tuthill, of Detroit; Helen Pyle, of Toledo; Julia Benedict, from Athens, Georgia; Nettie Gehring, Cleveland, Ohio, and Bernice Randall, of Oxford, Michigan. This occurred on November 7, and was followed by the usual banquet, at which Mrs. Adams, one of our alumnae, made a most successful toastmistress. About thirty guests were present at the banquet, and among them was Mrs. Alice Woodbridge, who recently consented to be one of our "ladies."

The Saturday following initiation was the day of the great Michigan-Pennsylvania football game and consequently the house was again full of company. This time we had the pleasure of entertaining, among others, Edith Cockins and her sister. The day was a happy one for us, in spite of Michigan's defeat, for we gained two new pledges, Lois Douglass and Annie Williams, seniors in the Detroit Central high school.

On October 30, the twenty-third anniversary of her birthday, we held a memorial meeting for Helen Douglass Mead, one of our dearest girls of 1907, who died very suddenly in July. After the meeting, a beautiful picture, a large etching from Anton Mauve's "Autumn," given by Helen's parents, in her memory, was presented to us.

The Cercle Français gave a very successful performance of the French farce, "*La Poudre aux Yeux*." We were honored by having two of our members, Mabel Mason, '09, and Elfrieda Weitz, '10, in the cast.

We are fortunate in having with us this year as our chaperon, Miss Nancy Sanborne, of Port Huron.

AGNES G. CARPENTER.

## MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

All our girls are back this year, except last year's seniors. Of the class last year, we are proud to report the only girl on "Senior Six" (the commencement speakers), a Theta,

Florence Grauel, who was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa. A rushing season of five weeks has brought us two new girls, Helene Peck, Bellevue, Pa., and Augusta Gibbons, Sharon, Pa. With these, our chapter numbers fourteen.

Since rushing season we have had one jolly little dinner in our rooms, just among ourselves, and are planning many similar affairs for the future. The college affairs have been limited to the usual functions, the Hallowe'en and Thanksgiving parties, at both of which the Hall girls entertained the men of the college.

A farce has been given by the girls for the benefit of the Athletic Association. With one member of the general committee, three members of the orchestra and three girls in the cast, Theta was well represented.

Lenore Lytle, president of the Student Government Association in the Hall, has recently attended the meeting of the General Association at Mount Holyoke, where she met many other Thetas, delegates to the convention. This is the first year Allegheny has been admitted to the association.

HELEN G. MURRAY.

#### ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Most important to us this year has been our successful rushing season. We came back to the short rushing season, bidding and pledging October 3. We are proud to introduce our nine freshmen: Ruth Lippincott, Vesta Stephan, Helen Chariton, Marie Schwartz, Mary Louise Dun, Florence Badger, Florence Bradley, Frances Sager, of Marysville, Ohio, and Florence Long, from Ashtabula, Ohio, who is still pledged.

On Friday afternoon, October 30, we entertained all the fraternity men in college with an informal college tea, at the home of one of the girls. We have found this to be a delightful and very successful way to introduce our freshmen. On this occasion about two hundred called.

Mary Louise Dun entertained the active chapter and some of the alumnae at a dinner. Eda Glock honored Meta Klie, a November bride, with a dinner at the Lincoln.



The Men's Glee Club gave their concert December 11. The Twilight Concerts, every other Friday afternoon at four, have been popular.

There is a decided student unity in Ohio State this fall. The plans are already drawn for a new students' building, and work on it will probably begin early in the spring. The girls of the university are showing more college unity than there has been heretofore. We are now planning for a May Day Festival, which will be much like the festivals celebrated on the campus at Wellesley. ETHEL SNYDER.

#### ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Now that Alpha Eta's initiation is over, she can settle down to a state of mind befitting her dignity as "the national" of Vanderbilt. We have passed through many phases of experience this fall, and have memories of various kinds. At the beginning we were of course interested in the freshmen. We made ourselves just as attractive and likeable as possible, hoping they would see things as we thought they should. As our six weeks of rushing drew to a close, we could not refrain from feeling that we were becoming very tired of our job, and wishing it could come to an end. This was doubtless because our rushing was of necessity much heavier than usual, because there were just about twice as many new girls as we had last year.

So by the time pledge day was really here, we had all declared that after that day we would not look at a freshman for two weeks. After pledging our eight new girls, however, we felt better. On November 27 we initiated Nan Lewis, '09, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Mattie Stocks, '10, Gadsden, Alabama.; Berenice Kaufman, Columbus, Ga.; Louise Young and Martha Lanier, Memphis, Tenn.; Lamar Ryals, Cordele, Ga.; Florence Teague and Elaine Jones, Nashville, Tenn., all of '12. We had several of our old girls with us and made this the occasion of a Theta reunion. We had initiation at the home of Mary Lipe, where so many of us have heard what Kappa Alpha Theta means. Mrs.

Lipe served us some dainty refreshments afterwards and thus added the final touch to our evening.

Our football season is over. Vanderbilt has been beaten by Michigan and by Ohio State, and has been played to a tie by Sewanee, our pet enemy. Our material was scarce this fall and we had several freshmen and first-year men on the team. But our coach, Dan McGugin, did what few could,—he made a good team out of poor material. Of course the team was not up to the Vanderbilt standard—that was hardly to be expected—but still it was not unspeakably bad.

Basketball is the present great interest among the girls. We have three good teams—the varsity, the juniors, and the freshmen. These three teams, on which Alpha Eta, by the way, has nine representatives, practice regularly and with great enthusiasm. The varsity has on hand several challenges for games, the first of which is to be played soon. We are waiting eagerly for that time, because we believe we have an unusually good team, and we hope to prove it in the first game.

AGNES ANNIS.

### Delta District

#### DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Delta chapter is proud to introduce her twelve initiates: Mildred Laurence, Margaret Major, Mary Stevenson, Mary Peters, Amy Overland, Lillian Riddle, Marion Percival, Adelaide Cassingham, and Mame Baldwin, Jennie Parker, Agnes Zilly and Mabel Frazee, whose pledging was announced in the last Journal issue. The initiation banquet, held October 22, was almost a chapter reunion, so many of the old girls were back. Since pledge day, Harriet Sperry, who entered the university late, has been pledged.

For the Northwestern-Illinois game, we were able to entertain six guests from Tau: Pearl Greenough, Hazel Horner, Agnes Becker, Vera Short, Alice and Ruth Ward.

Instead of the annual sophomore-freshman color rush, a push ball contest was held this year. It met with great



approval from everyone, because fewer students were hurt.

We are sorry to announce that Mary Stevenson, one of the freshmen, has left college on account of illness.

MARION MOYER.

#### KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Rushing season, carried on under the new Pan-Hellenic rules, went off smoothly. October 4, which was pledge day, we pledged the following eight girls: Carrie Calhoun, Katherine Curry, Katherine Dalman, Mira Rogers, Helen Gleissner, Helen Sparr, Ethel Chalkley, and Euphemia Smart. On October 31 we held initiation for them, our Grand President, Anna Harrison, presiding. Many of our alumnæ, from both Lawrence and Kansas City, were present.

In the third week of November our weekly Bible class was begun. This class is conducted at the house for half an hour before fraternity meeting Monday evening, by Doctor Wilbur, who has charge of the Presbyterian Bible Chair at the university. We will study the life and works of St. Paul this term.

Our freshmen are now planning to give their annual farce on Tuesday evening, December 15.

The Thanksgiving football game between the Kansas and Missouri universities is one of the great events of the college year. It is held annually in Kansas City and a large number of students from both colleges attend. All the fraternities hold their annual banquets there at that time. On account of our victory over Missouri this year we are still more enthusiastic. The day was a perfect one for a game and there were about thirteen hundred people on the bleachers. All the Missouri rooters were on one side, wearing large yellow chrysanthemums and red and blue ribbons and banners, making a brilliant display. The cheering never ceased during the game, and the "Rock Chalk, Jay Hawk, K. U." from the Kansas side completely drowned out the Missouri yells. It was surely a great victory and will be a lasting memory to those who saw it. After the game there was a great celebration at the Coates House, and there

was more of the cheering for which Kansas University is famous.

The Thetas gave a breakfast at the Baltimore Hotel, Friday. About fifty Thetas were there, including a number of Kappa, active and alumnæ, and Xi alumnæ. The breakfasts are gotten up by Xi alumnæ and are royally appreciated. This year the breakfast was unusually successful. The tables were arranged in a  $\pi$  with decorations of yellow chrysanthemums. Mrs. Ellison, an alumna of Kappa, was toastmistress and she presided in her usual delightful manner. At the end we all rose and drank a toast to Kappa Alpha Theta. It was altogether a most successful affair, and next year we hope to have even a larger number present, for it is a fine stimulus to fraternity spirit and is a delightful way for us of the active chapter to come into contact with our alumnæ and with Thetas from all parts of the country.

BEATRICE B. REED.

#### RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The University of Nebraska is concerned over the resignation of Chancellor Andrews, which takes effect January 1. The chancellor expects to spend the winter in Florida on account of poor health. The students, as well as the faculty, greatly regret the loss of such an efficient educator.

Instead of the annual class scrap, there was held this year the class Olympics between the freshmen and sophomores. There were many interesting events, such as wrestling, boxing, and a tug-of-war. The Marathon race was closely contested, the freshmen winning by a small margin. This race took place between Fairview and Antelope Park, where the games were held. The sophomores won in the end by a score of 66 1-2 to 33 1-3. It is hoped that this will be an annual event, to be carried out on a greater scale in the future.

With the football season over there are certain remembrances that stand out especially clear. The first of these is the Nebraska-Minnesota game at Minneapolis, at which



time nine Thetas were very glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting Upsilon chapter.

The County Fair has been occupying our attention lately. This is an annual jollification for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A. Each sorority and university organization has a booth or takes charge of the candy selling or lemonade supply. The Thetas had the Shoot the Shoots and a Freak Show. The Shoot the Shoots broke down early in the evening, and after that it was more popular than ever. In the Freak Show there were presented such wonders as the Bearded Lady, Winnie the Wild Woman, the Dwarf, and the Tall Lady. We made the most that was made that night, and in fact more than has ever been made in previous years.

Two prizes of five dollars have been offered to the students of Nebraska for the two best twenty-minute sketches, which are to conform with certain requirements as to stage-setting, plot and cast. This idea is carried out under the direction of the Professor of Elocution. KATE FIELD.

#### TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

We are again well started on our college year; it scarcely seems like a beginning of the new but like a continuation of the old. Our chapter has twenty-two members, counting the pledges, and that is very large for Tau. We pledged seven girls this year; three of them were upper classmen and could be initiated first semester but the four freshmen must wait until they have completed ten hours of college work. The initiates are Marie Benton, Indianapolis, Ind.; Marjorie Verbeck, Rockford, Ill.; and Ethel Orvis, Montana. The pledges are Ruth Ward, Evanston, Ill.; Irma Rowland, Rockford, Ill.; and Fannie Machen, Savannah, Ill.; and Vera Short, La Grange, Ind.

I suppose most of the college world is aware of the fact that football was reëstablished this year at Northwestern and we have played our three allotted games winning but one. On November 21 about seven hundred rooters went down to Champaign in special coaches and cheered for the purple. The girls of Delta took us to their beautiful soror-

ity house and treated us royally. The train arrived a little before noon on Saturday and most of the girls stayed in Champaign until six Sunday night.

Perhaps I ought not to close without mentioning our Informal which was held at Glencoe just north of Evanston. It was a chance for our new girls to meet many new people and it was their beginning course in Northwestern society.

Our girls' athletics will start soon and we are to have sorority teams this year, so we hope in our next letter to tell you of Theta's success on the field.

RACHEL B. JONES.

#### PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

From the windows of our chapter house, we are watching the progress of our Women's Gymnasium. The gymnasium is the first part of the Women's Quadrangle-to-be, and the whole quadrangle includes commons, dormitories and gymnasium, arranged to form two inner courts. It will be four stories high, built of yellow sandstone to correspond to the other university buildings in this group. The first floor has rooms for administrative purposes, such as offices for the Dean of Women and the chaperons, information office, parlors, writing rooms, tea kitchen and lunch room. The second floor is chiefly occupied with the great gymnasium and the necessary dressing rooms, showers and lockers. At the extreme end is a concert room. The third story provides for a running track over the gymnasium and a gallery for the concert room, which seats about five hundred. Here there are rooms for the use of the numerous all-university societies, such as debating clubs, Self-Government Association, and social organizations. In the basement is a swimming pool with a gallery for spectators and an apparatus for drying the hair quickly.

One of the necessities of such a building is the provision for expansion. The present enrollment shows 1000 women, an increase of 200 over last year. Anticipating future needs the plans show space for three classes on the



gymnasium floors and one in the swimming tank at the same hour. Lockers and dressing rooms can be nearly doubled; and when our last limit is reached, the rooms of the various societies on the third floor can be transferred to the Commons which will be built when we need it. The object of this building is to afford a modern, completely equipped gymnasium for women and at the same time a building for social functions of every sort likely to occur in the university.

At our initiation on October 24 all the active chapter and alumnae met together for the first time this year. Fifteen of our alumnae were present, three of whom were with us for the first time for they have only come to Madison this year. They are Mrs. Thomas, Iota; Mrs. Moore, Kappa; and Miss Bascomb, Mu. Our new active Thetas are Marjorie Strong, Alice Simpson, Edith Moore, Frances Lord, Gladys Blee, Catharine Wright, Marie Baumgartner, and Anna Shepard.

The last week in October our district president, Miss Hall, paid us a visit, which we did enjoy even if it was for so short a time, and although it is hard to get well acquainted with a person in three days, we felt as though we knew Miss Hall when she left.

Just now Psi is rejoicing greatly over the fact that there is to be no spring rushing. For a number of years we have had to ask our Grand President for a dispensation, in order that we might compete with the rest of the women's fraternities. This year this will not be necessary for at the last meeting of Pan-Hellenic they voted to do away with the old custom of rushing and pledging in the spring.

#### ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Initiation was held on Thursday night, October 22, when seven new names were added to our chapter roll. The initiates were: Julia Brookes, Clotilda Brown, Elizabeth Evans, Arie N. Jones, Winifred Kinealy, Alice H. Miller and Marjorie Schroeder. We still have two pledges, Margaret Thompson and Frances Clayton.

The day after initiation four of us left for a visit to Kappa. We used the football game as our excuse for a mid-year visit, involving as it did many "cuts" from our lectures here, but we felt well repaid by the glorious time which we had at Kansas. Although the weather was unfavorable and the football fates unkind, the Theta house, warm and comfortable with its black and gold den, its arts and crafts archive box, and its memory book was a source of much inspiration to us.

Another visit of interest was made to the University of Missouri at Columbia. Seven of our girls were entertained at the Delta Psi house and came home bubbling over with tales of the good times they had had.

Monday night, November 30, Alpha Iota celebrated her second birthday with a banquet at Bechman's. We sat down forty strong around the table decorated with black and gold. Toasts and songs followed, and as our loving cup went around we all drank deep to Kappa Alpha Theta—"our solace and our guide." We went home feeling proud of our two years of existence and proud of the fact that we had more than doubled our size in the two years.

A matter of university interest is the acquisition of Professor Waldo as head of the mathematics department. Prof. Waldo comes to us from Purdue, where he built up his department from almost nothing to one of the best in the country.

ANNE PALMER FISHER.

### Gamma District

#### PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Stanford's interest during the fall months has been concentrated upon the Stanford-California football game. Every afternoon the bleachers have been crowded with Rugby enthusiasts who have eagerly watched the practice of the team. On November 14, Stanford journeyed to the Berkeley field and witnessed a spectacular and extremely exciting game, which ended in the fifth successive victory



of the cardinal over the blue and gold, and Stanford serpentine again upon California's field. A pleasing feature of the trip was that Phi chapter paid a visit to Omega and was cordially received and entertained in Omega's new home.

This semester, as usual, we have had our "at homes" on the last Saturdays, and on October 31 we introduced five freshmen, Helen Spalding, Lucile Ozier, Los Angeles; Eunice Pierce, San Diego; and Dorothy Stillman and Katherine Fairclough, Stanford. These freshmen were pledged after six weeks of strenuous rushing,—that is, after having been received in our home almost every night during that time. The Pan-Hellenic Association is now discussing the rushing plans for next year and striving to solve the problem. Phi chapter is very much in favor of a semester contract,—that is, of making the rushing as normal and inconspicuous as possible.

We have had, this year, several chapter parties. The first was an autumn dinner given by the freshmen to the fraternity. On the table a cauldron burned and autumn leaves and black witches danced around the fire. The second was a Thanksgiving dinner at Grandpa's and Grandma's Farm. The invitations for this reunion came but a week ahead in a very mysterious manner, requesting that all the children and grandchildren return for the day at six o'clock on Thursday. Grandma and Grandpa received the family—and such a gathering of country folks it was! Deacons, deacons' wives, Silases and Reubens, Sallies and Janes came with histories of the intervening years.

JEAN MARGARET MEAD.

#### OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The first term of the year is always a busy one here in California, and this year has been no exception. There have been two plays given, the usual number of fraternity receptions, dances, etc., aside from the regular pledge work.

The last two or three weeks have been especially full ones. The annual Rugby game between Stanford and California was played here at Berkeley, November 14. The

weather was perfect and the field was a sight to stir the hearts of even the most unenthusiastic spectators. About thirteen thousand people saw the game, not to count the younger generation in the trees of the neighborhood. Our only sorrow was that, after the hardest fought game of years, it was the Stanford men whose serpentine twisted its way out of the field.

The Friday following Thanksgiving was devoted as usual to the activities of the junior class. The farce was held in the afternoon, the prom in the evening. Omega was proud to have Helen Hill, one of her juniors, filling the leading part and helping to make a good farce even better.

Another thing which has been done in California this term may be of especial interest to the women of other colleges. We have held a series of three Pan-Hellenic open-houses—very informal affairs, given upon college afternoons, to which all the women of the university are invited. The women's fraternities have been divided into groups according to the neighborhood in which they live, and each group has entertained once during the term. This has enabled every one to attend all the receptions upon the receiving day. The afternoons have been very little expense and have been a successful innovation.

We are looking forward now with pleasure to the social meeting of the Omega Alumnæ Association, to be held December 5 at the home of Ethel Olney.

Laura Frances Gill.

#### ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

This being our first year in Theta, we hail with delight an opportunity to talk about ourselves. What with the pride of last spring's attainment still upon us, our house full to begin with, and delightful weather for parties and launch rides, the year was begun most auspiciously. After two weeks of strenuous rushing, culminating in a formal dance at Renton Hill Club House, we were able to retire from the field with six pledges, and heaving a sigh of satisfaction as we watched others still in the midst of the



struggle—for here there is no definite pledge day—settle down, ourselves to the more serious pursuits of college life.

Our college has reached the period where it fast lays aside every remnant of provincialism and assumes more broadly the role of a progressive university. This year sweeping changes have been made in an endeavor to advance scholarship. The fraternities, we are proud to say, have led in the movement. In a conference of their representatives with members of the faculty, strict rules were passed limiting social activities of freshmen and the number of social functions to be given by a fraternity to three a year. The women also, meeting with the Dean of Women, established uniform house rules. These we have found most successful, resulting in self-government, and yet entailing no hardship upon any one set of girls.

Owing partially to the ban on society, and more largely to a systematic effort to promote good feeling, students are becoming more closely allied than ever. Wishing to do its part in the movement, during October Kappa Alpha Theta entertained one hundred and ninety fraternity women at a dance at Renton Hall. Each girl was assigned to one of another fraternity, half going as men in dark skirts, white waists and ties. An effort was made to have the dance complete in every detail. Nevertheless it could not have been a success had not all entered into the spirit with an enthusiasm beyond our greatest hopes.

As an example of what may be accomplished through loyalty and good coaching, we must not fail to cite our football record this year. Thanksgiving day, before over seven thousand people, a record-breaking attendance for Seattle, Washington defeated Oregon Agricultural College, 32 to 0, thereby proving their claim to the championship of the Northwest beyond all doubt.

Initiation, always important, becomes doubly so when it is the first. October 9, three members of Alpha Tau Delta, Carrie Heffner, Florence Findley, and Grace Ridgeway Curtiss, and Robin McKinley, a pledge of sophomore standing, were initiated. Owing to a recent ruling requir-

ing twelve hours credit in the university before initiation, no new students were then eligible. Consequently we are looking forward to a second initiation some time in January when five will be added to our number. The details of this, and of our Founders' Day banquet, we reserve for another letter.

MABEL, DURHAM.

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## ALUMNAE CHAPTER LETTERS

### ALPHA ALUMNAE—GREENCASTLE, INDIANA

We, of Alpha Alumnae, send greetings to all our sisters, both active and alumnae.

Since our last letter to the Journal, six of our members have left us for other fields of work. An account of their activities will be found among the Alpha personals. We miss these six members, but most heartily welcome four other alumnae who have returned to us.

Our October meeting was held in Brazil, where it has been our custom to enjoy the hospitality of Mrs. Stunkard once a year. After the brief business meeting, we were introduced to many of Mrs. Stunkard's Brazil friends, then all were most highly entertained by Miss Burner's paper on "Shakespeare's Fools."

At the November meeting we were extremely fortunate in having Mrs. Waugh, of Tipton, Indiana, with us. Mrs. Waugh is on the State Board of Charities and led the discussion of Philanthropic Tendencies. Not only was her talk extremely interesting, but it also pointed out a broad field which each Theta should more closely inspect and to which she should lend her best influence.

Alpha Alumnae is now looking forward to our Founder's Day luncheon in Indianapolis, where we hope to meet many old friends as well as many new ones.

Our relations with the active chapter are very close and dear to us and our pride in the active girls is unbounded.

It is our heartiest wish that at some time, Alpha Alumnae may be favored with a visit from sisters from other chapters, whether active or alumnae.

IDA A. OVERSTREET.



## BETA ALUMNÆ—MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Luncheon at Donaldson's Tea Room, Minneapolis, on the first Saturday in each month.

Beta Alumnæ, fortunately, did not have a long summer interval in its gatherings, because a luncheon in June and three picnics in July and August made occasions for informal meetings. Each of these brought its surprise in the attendance of some out-of-town "old girls." Among them were: Helen and Alice Traver, of Hartford, Conn.; Lena Koch, of Santa Barbara, Cal.; Nellie Kenney Brown, of Reading, Mass.; May Knowlton, of New York City; Rowena Pattee Evenson, of Spokane, Wash.

In the fall, rushing parties and initiation again brought the clans together, consequently the first business meeting was not called until October 28, at the home of Agnes Glessner. Our plan for the winter meetings includes a luncheon at Donaldson's Tea Room on the first Saturday of the month, possibly substituting Field's Tea Room, of St. Paul, every second or third month. The business sessions will be held at private homes and made the excuse for sewing bees.

School positions or husbands claim so many of Upsilon's graduates that most of Beta Alumnæ's new members have had their first fraternity ties in other states, but after a few meetings these welcome recruits drop into their places and we forget that we have not all been initiated together. These affiliated members give generously of their services on committees, banquet programs and in executive offices, proving again that Theta loyalty is not to chapter alone but to the fraternity as a whole wherever it may be represented.

## GAMMA ALUMNÆ—NEW YORK CITY

Gamma Alumnæ has had but one meeting this fall, but that meeting was so large and so enthusiastic that we feel justified in regarding it as a good omen for our winter's work. Among our number we were happy to have members from Phi, Upsilon, Delta, Eta, Lambda, Chi, Iota, Alpha

Gamma, Alpha Beta, Alpha Zeta, Sigma, and Alpha Kappa, as well as able representatives from two active chapters, Alpha Zeta and Alpha Kappa, which we have invited to meet with us. It is one of Gamma Alumnæ's greatest privileges to be enabled, through its location, to meet the Thetas from all parts of the country who come to New York; and a warm welcome awaits every Theta who will give its members an opportunity of extending it to her,—not only in a social, but also in a practical way, if need be. The "Help Committee" has been doing much valuable work this year, for the old and new members alike. An excellent position as a teacher has been secured for a Theta, and help has been extended to some of our fraternity sisters who were strangers in the city. The committee asks that they may be notified as early as possible, in the case of Thetas visiting New York, in order that better preparations may be made for the comfort of the travelers. Communications should be sent to Miss Florence Durstine, 76 Riverside Drive, New York City, or to Miss Genevieve Beavers, 50th Street, Borough Park, Brooklyn.

Several weddings have taken place among the members of Gamma Alumnæ during the past summer. On November 24, Miss Eva Capron, president of Alpha District, was married to Mr. Edward Held Wilson, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Edwin Warford Foster, at Central Park, Long Island. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will make their home at 21 Van Buren Street, Brooklyn. We of Gamma Alumnæ wish Mrs. Wilson every happiness in her new life, and rejoice that she will still be with us, and that she can continue to be, as she long has been, one of our most valued members.

Another wedding of last summer was that of Marjorie Bacon, Alpha Zeta '04, to Mr. Clayton Worthington Nichols. Mrs. Nichols was formerly corresponding secretary of Gamma Alumnæ. On November 18, Elizabeth Evans, Alpha Zeta '06, was married to Mr. Clifford Easton.

The alumnae chapter letter comes so early in the year that it is impossible to give a more detailed account of our work. Our heartiest good wishes for each and every chap-



ter of Kappa Alpha Theta, however, are always available, even when news is not so. A fortunate and happy new year, then, from us all to all our Theta sisters!

AMELIA LEAVITT HILL.

EPSILON ALUMNÆ—COLUMBUS, OHIO

It may be a source of grief and lamentation in *some* localities that the wide diversity of interests of the active and alumnæ chapters tends to gradually widen the breach that graduation and encroaching old age are popularly supposed to cause. Not so with Epsilon and little Alpha Gamma. No motherly old hen ever brooded with more tender solicitude over her one chick; and her pride in this precious and, in every way, remarkable offspring is at all times, and especially at this last initiation service, beautiful to behold. I suppose Alpha Gamma has told you of the eight splendid girls whom we added to our chapter, now ninety-three in all, we are proud to say.

In order to keep in closer touch with each other, we have inaugurated a series of joint meetings, which we have found most delightful. We intend to have as many as we can, during the year, for we find it good for the elderly to keep in touch with the joys and delights of the young! And as for the young, our sapient counsel is, no doubt, of inestimable value.

Another proof of our love for little Alpha Gamma is that we are going to give a party for her—and her friends—on the notable January 27. Its nature is a secret, as yet—and Alpha Gamma is bursting with curiosity—but we are as adamant. I'll tell you all about it later, and, in the space that remains, I'll just tuck in a most cordial invitation to any of you and all of you who may happen to be in Columbus that day; or, *whatever* the day, do come to see us, and we'll have *another* party!

And now, although I had already said bood-bye and had signed my name, Edith Cockins tells me I just *must* add a postscript, to tell you that, for the first time in she-has-for-gotten-how-many-years, the original charter members of

Alpha Gamma are together once more. A just cause for rejoicing, even at this merry Christmas time, is it not? They intend to celebrate by having another group picture taken, after these *many* years, with the same dresses and expression and classic treatment of hair, if possible. We observe, however, that the Psyche knot is again with us. Thus doth the wheel of Time roll round and round in its circle.

MARY BOHANNON, Ex-'03.

#### ZETA ALUMNAE—INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Zeta Alumnae has no news. Zeta never has news. Her alumnae are too busy as individuals and too satisfied as mere Thetas to make news. But, as a news item is usually unpleasant and exciting, or unexciting if pleasant, Zeta ranks with those fortunate nations which lack history.

In former years Zeta was even too lazy to provide definite programs and was content to do little more than gather Thetas into the house of some resident sister once each month. Even yet, the best of a meeting is the opportunity it affords members to talk over college days and present activities. So many sorts of work, so many other organizations, and so many towns are represented in the club, that every one comes in touch with a wide and ever-extending world. This year, however, the ideas and energy of our new president, Mrs. Bertram C. Day, have given a program also, one of formidable promise but delightful performance. Six of the twelve meetings are devoted to serious consideration of the Wagnerian opera. Papers on *Das Rheingold*, *Die Walküre*, and *Siegfried* have been read and accompanied by illustrative music, both of voice and instrument. As several Zeta Thetas are musicians and some recently have heard the operas in Germany, the afternoons given to this study are proving astonishingly interesting.

Even this year, though, the most important day was not announced on the program. Monday, November 23, Zeta Alumnae, assisted by Gamma and former members of Beta, initiated Miss Adele Steinrod McMaster, sister of Mrs. Elmer E. Scott. All active Thetas are acquainted with the



circumstances under which permission to initiate was granted. Miss McMaster's wedding day was so near when the final decision came in that there was no time for adequate preparation. Nevertheless, almost a hundred Thetas were present. Mrs. Charles W. Eichrodt gave her house, and Gamma arranged it, while Miss Sarah E. Cotton, president of Beta District, had the initiation in charge. After the initiation, an informal hour, with the usual Theta music and black and gold accessories, gave Miss McMaster her single opportunity to meet as Thetas those whom she had known long as friends. No event in the history of Zeta's life has meant more to all concerned and the members of Zeta Alumnæ wish to thank the generous-minded sisters who made it possible.

Usually, the red-letter day of the year comes later, for Indiana Thetas have a habit of lunching together in Indianapolis on Founder's Day. This year, Zeta is responsible for the celebration and has appointed Mrs. A. L. Lockridge to carry the burden of the whole affair. As Mrs. Lockridge is one of her most active members, every Theta in the state is confidently expected. The luncheon has always been successful, for there is no other occasion when alumnæ may see so many old friends, hear so many witty speakers, and acquaint themselves so thoroughly with contemporary Theta affairs.

Zeta reaches a few more alumnæ each year, not only for Founder's Day, but there are many who do not realize what they miss. It has been suggested that any Thetas coming to the city, or any Thetas who are in reach of Indianapolis, should notify our secretary, Mrs. L. R. Naftzger, 1821 North Delaware Street. Zeta can welcome them all.

EDNA G. HENRY.

#### ETA ALUMNAE—BURLINGTON, VT.

Once more the time has come around for the Journal letter to be written. We could not believe it possible that a year has passed since last this pleasant duty devolved upon us were it not for the testimony of the calendar,

borne out by the first snow storms and the cold weather, which all bear witness to the fact that December 5 is approaching.

Eta Alumnæ, in common with all other alumnæ chapters, I suppose, is made up of a membership ever varying, both in size and in personnel. But if at times the numbers are small this only serves to bind the members more closely together and this has been true of us the past year.

Last winter we decided to try the experiment of abandoning formal programmes at our monthly meetings and, instead, to meet together with our work and a book for a social evening. The plan proved successful and we enjoyed many a bright and entertaining essay which otherwise might have escaped our notice. Our book and our work, with a social cup of tea after the reading, made several winter evenings pass very cheerily indeed.

The long and serious sickness, last winter, of the president of our chapter cast a shadow over us for some weeks, but we are happy to say that after months of illness and a slow convalescence she is now steadily improving.

The great event of the year for the alumnæ as well as the active chapter was the visit in Burlington last August of the executive committee of the Grand Council who chose this place for their summer meeting. It was a great privilege for the members of both chapters who were so fortunate as to meet them and a matter of deep regret to those of us who were away from home at the time. The inspiration which comes to a chapter from personal acquaintance with such women as the officers of the Grand Council is not easily lost.

Just now we are saddened by the sorrow which has come to one of our number, May Boynton, who is known to many Thetas outside our own chapter, in the death of her father which occurred recently, and we feel that in him Kappa Alpha Theta in Burlington has lost a loyal friend.

Our plans for the coming year are not wholly matured but we are looking forward to a pleasant winter both



among ourselves and with our active chapter, for, after all, is not this the main reason of our existence as an *alumnæ* chapter, that we may keep in touch with our younger sisters and, when possible, help them in various ways, giving them the benefit of our wider experience?

With all best wishes to our sister chapters for a prosperous year,

MARY R. BATES.

#### IOTA ALUMNÆ—LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Iota *Alumnæ* chapter meetings are held regularly from October to June, at the homes of members in and around Los Angeles, and are both business and social in character. A membership committee of five exists for the purpose of extending chapter courtesies to visitors and newcomers, and of furthering acquaintance within the chapter.

Visitors to Southern California will assist this hospitality committee by sending names and addresses to the chairman, Miss Sue Barnwell, 954 South Union Ave., Los Angeles.

November 28.

Iota *Alumnæ*'s October meeting, with Miss Ida Lindley, was a gathering of old and new friends, as a first meeting usually brings to us our out-of-town members and less frequent attendants, as well as newcomers to the city. The membership list, to begin the year, includes thirty-nine, of whom fourteen are *alumnæ* of Phi, three of Omega, seven of the old Omicron (University of Southern California) chapter, and fifteen of other colleges, representing Alpha, Delta, Epsilon, Kappa, Rho, Beta and Alpha Delta. Iota *Alumnæ* is fortunate in drawing her membership largely from two such intimately related chapters as Omega and Phi, a fact which has contributed much to the closely-knit interests and friendships of the organization. And the loyal members of the old Omicron chapter, who formed the nucleus of Iota *Alumnæ*, are not outdone in interest by the new recruits from Stanford and California, who keep us in touch with active affairs. We are glad to include as members this year Henrietta Hough, Delta; Lucile Locke,

Alpha Delta; Winnefred Millspaugh, Hazel White, and Lucy Souther Galbraith, Phi. The December meeting is postponed from the second Saturday to Christmas week that we may have as guests the visiting college girls. The January second Saturday gives way to the twenty-first, when Iota gathers in all Thetas far and wide and holds the celebration of the year.

The various committees, in whose hands lies the active work of the chapter, are reporting progress. The Scholarship Committee, most important, renders monthly a financial statement, and takes counsel of the chapter for further work. The membership committee is busy looking up new Thetas, the various months, including the summer months, being assigned in turn for hospitality work to the committee members. The banquet committee is already debating ways and means for the Birthday celebration.

We had from Jessie Macfarland, who as president of Gamma district installed the new chapter of Alpha Lambda at the University of Washington, an interesting account of the installation ceremonies, and the personnel of the chapter. We extend to Alpha Lambda our hearty good wishes.

There is being discussed among Los Angeles fraternity members, under the initiative of the alumnae chapter of Pi Beta Phi, the forming of a Pan-Hellenic organization, to include the alumnae chapters here organized of Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Gamma, Alpha Chi Omega, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Kappa Alpha Theta. The object is to bring together all fraternity women in a social organization which shall be a help to the chapters forming it, and a source of pleasure to the individuals. The idea has several non-supporters, among them Iota chapter. We offered these objections: first, that such an organization could have none of the value of a college Pan-Hellenic because there are no conditions in Los Angeles needing Pan-Hellenic control; second, that the social need for such an organization is already well met by the College Women's Club, which has a membership of about two hundred, and the Association of Collegiate Alum-



næ; third, that fraternity girls, outside of their alumnæ clubs, ought to ally themselves with these broader interests, and that they could serve their fraternity interests as well and better by so doing. We understand that there are such Alumnæ Pan-Hellenics, active, enthusiastic, and of large membership. Iota would like to hear about them and have her objections answered.

JANE SPALDING.

#### KAPPA ALUMNÆ—PITTSBURG, PA.

Kappa Alumnæ sends greetings and best wishes to all sister chapters.

Although located at some distance from any active chapter, and with a very scattered membership, we are a loyal and enthusiastic body of Thetas, the same fraternity spirit burning within us as in the dear old college days.

We have begun this year under most auspicious circumstances. A number of recent graduates have come home to stay and naturally are affiliated with us. It is most refreshing to have this younger element in the chapter; they infuse new life into our old bones.

Our president, Mrs. Thorpe, who by the way, is a charter member of Iota, is planning all sorts of good things for us.

We have talked and talked about the scholarship fund; but seemingly to little purpose until now. The "wind" work being done, our plans are taking definite form, and ere long Kappa Alumnæ will have something interesting and substantial to report along this line.

Our committees for the Founders Day luncheon have been appointed and are already busy in their efforts to make this occasion outshine all the others.

MAE GOFF-SMITH.

#### XI ALUMNÆ—KANSAS CITY, MO.

Meeting the last Saturday of every month at homes of members.

Xi Alumnæ has just passed one of the happiest periods of her year. The Friday after Thanksgiving we held our

annual breakfast at the Hotel Baltimore, under most auspicious conditions. The weather was fine, our out of town guests were more numerous than usual, the Kansas team had just won a rousing victory on the gridiron the day before, and such was the feeling of warm friendship and Theta enthusiasm that even the hapless ones among us who had to respond to toasts, were happy and cheerful—which is saying a good deal.

Xi Alumnæ has felt herself growing somewhat rusty of late, in regard to fraternity matters, and so gained much profit as well as pleasure from the following toasts:

"Our Name, Kappa Alpha Theta,"

Mrs. Chas. Howard, Alpha Epsilon.

"Our Colors,"

Mrs. A. T. Walker, Kappa.

"Our Pin,"

Miss Margaret Philbrook, Kappa.

"Our Ritual,"

Mrs. Fred Rose, Rho.

"Our Flower,"

Miss Hazel Allison, Kappa.

"Our Fraternity,"

Miss Mary Gleed, Kappa.

Mrs. Edward Ellison made a most charming and efficient toastmistress.

We enjoyed having with us Mrs. A. T. Walker and Mrs. O. Newby of Lawrence, Kansas; Miss Mary Gleed and Mrs. Macferren of Topeka, Kansas; Miss Mary Clark of St. Joseph, Missouri; Miss Eleanor Blakey of Pleasanton, Kansas; Miss Helen Havens of Minneapolis, Kansas, and the following girls from Kappa chapter: Edna Hopkins, Alice Wilhelmi, Catherine Curry, Hazel Allison, Elizabeth Laird, Isabel Barton and Edna Gafford.

Xi Alumnæ will now settle down to her regular meetings, those happy afternoons together that have come to mean so much to us all.

MRS. FRED B. ROSE.

4404 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Mo.

#### NU ALUMNAE—SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Benson the essayist, who is especially popular with women, declares that "no one can do anything well who does not think that what he does is the center of the visible uni-



verse." If that be so, then we are not doing things well in Nu Alumnæ chapter. Possibly the statement is a bit extravagant allowable in an essayist who is supposed to view things "bye and large," to quote Captain January.

There are many other things for alumnæ women—social, club, home, church, professional, duties, and our chapter meetings this year have been largely thimble parties with business, family mending and dainty needle work in close and happy accord.

At one of our meetings Miss Matilda Alexander, who had been touring in Europe, gave a talk on her impressions of Paris. At another meeting Mrs. Ollie Ross Walch, who with Dr. Walch had been on an extended trip through Europe, talked of experiences in Ireland and Scotland. We were interested at the pleasant coincidence of her meeting in the Trossachs Mrs. Jennie Brownell and a company of young women (some of them Kappa Alpha Thetas) whom she was conducting. Mrs. Brownell is a former Chi girl and now wife of Dr. Brownell, professor of Romance languages in the University of Alabama.

Chi's Founders Day was appropriately celebrated by the giving of an entertainment to the active chapter at the Home. Three mahogany chairs and a mahogany table were presented to the younger sisters as a reminder of the day. Later a table-cloth and napkins were added to the gifts and an afternoon tea was given by Mrs. Ollie Walch to the end that they might be hemmed. Dr. Mary Sweet and Elsie Carter gave a bust of Mozart, and there were other individual gifts.

The active chapter was invited to meet with Nu Alumnæ recently. Chi held its regular meeting and then there were some brief talks on Theta ideals by two of the older sisters, followed by a spread.

Miss Capron paid a most welcome visit to Syracuse. Mrs. Lena Hoose Markham gave a reception in her honor to Nu Alumnæ and Chi.

To keep warm and living our relation to college days past and present, and to the active chapter is our chief right

to be. We miss greatly Dr. Mary Sweet who is resident physician and professor of Physiology in Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia.

JENNIE M. BINGHAM.

OMICRON ALUMNÆ—SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

Meetings last Saturday in every month at homes of the members.

The last year has been a very auspicious one for the members of the Seattle Theta club. Our organization as an *alumnæ* chapter depended entirely upon the decision of the fraternity concerning the establishment of an active chapter at the University of Washington. In April came the good news that a charter had been granted to Alpha Lambda chapter, and then our real work commenced forming plans to assist Miss Macfarland with the installation of the new chapter. Only those who have helped during installation can appreciate the pleasure that was ours May 21.

At our last meeting in the spring, our petition for an *alumnæ* charter was filled out and sent to the Grand Council. It was with great pleasure that we learned November 30 that our petition had been granted and that henceforth we should be known as Omicron *Alumnæ* of Kappa Alpha Theta. December 5 we met to formally organize and elect officers. Now our chapter of twenty-three members is duly launched, and we are hoping that we may be a help not only locally but nationally as well. Two charters granted to Seattle in one year has fairly taken our breath and has meant a great deal to us both in pleasure and responsibility.

Our meetings are held the last Saturday in each month at the homes of the members. We shall always be glad to receive Thetas who chance to be in the city, and to know of those who come to live in Seattle.

JOSEPHINE MEISSNER, Secretary.

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## MARRIAGES

### Iota

Married, November 24, 1908, Eva Emeline Capron, A.B. 1892, to Mr. Edward Held Wilson. Address, 21 Van Buren Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

From the Brooklyn *Daily Eagle*:

Wilson-Capron.—One of the weddings of special interest this week was that of Miss Eva Emeline Capron and Assistant Corporation Counsel Edward Held Wilson at the residence of Mrs. Edwin Warford Foster, sister of the bride, Central Park, L. I. The ceremony was performed on Tuesday evening by the Rev. Cyrus W. Heizer, of Ithaca, N. Y. The maid of honor was Miss Ruth Foster, niece of the bride; the flower girl, Rowena Allen Morse of Ithaca, the page John Raymond O'Neill of Brooklyn, the bridesmaids, Miss Marion Hall Wilson, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Ella le Blanc, both of Brooklyn. The bride, attired in white satin duchesse, with a veil of tulle and carrying a bouquet of bride roses and lilies of the valley, was given away by her brother-in-law, Edwin Warford Foster. The best man was George S. Tompkins of Albany. A large number of the guests came down from Brooklyn on a special train.

After their return from a trip to Bermuda Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will reside at 21 Van Buren street.

Married, October 8, 1908, Helen Willoughby Underwood, A.B. '06, to Mr. Henry Sanford Osborn, Delta Upsilon, Amherst, '07. Address: Redding Ridge, Conn.

Married, June 17, 1908, at Ithaca, New York, Mabel Clare Abny, Ph.B. '00, M.A. '04, to Mr. Elias Root Beach Willis. Address, Ithaca, New York.

### Chi

Married, November 26, 1908, in Oxford, N. Y., Mary J. Walker, Ph.B. 1908, to Mr. Ethelbert Hungerford, A.B. Zeta Psi, Syracuse, 1907. Address, Dallas, Texas.

### Alpha Beta

Married, November 7, 1908, at her home in Philadelphia, Anna K. Wolff, A.B. 1904, to Stanley R. Miller, '04, Harvard. Address, 7 Lagrange Street, Wnchester, Mass.

**Alpha Delta**

Married, November 25, 1908, in Baltimore, Md., Evelyn Joynes, ex-1904, to Mr. Charles Coit of Norwich, Conn. Address, Colon, Panama.

**Alpha Epsilon**

Married, October 20, 1908, Sarah Kempton Cady, A.B. 1905, to Mr. Walter Patten, Alpha Delta Phi, Wesleyan, 1907. Address, Mt. Olive, North Carolina.

Married, November 21, 1908, Lillian May Gamwell, A.B. 1901, to Mr. David Potter Moulton. Address, 327 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, R. I.

**Alpha Zeta**

Married, June 20, 1908, at North Salem, N. Y., Marjorie K. Bacon, A.B. 1904, to Mr. Clayton Worthington Nichols, Jr. Address, 1036 Bergen Street, Brooklyn.

Married, November 8, 1908, Elizabeth G. Evans, A.B. 1906, to Mr. Clifford Hamilton Easton.

**Alpha**

Married, July, 1908, Constance Wilkinson to Mr. John Sheets, Phi Kappa Psi. Address, Indianapolis, Ind.

Married, June, 1908, Lenni Burner to Mr. Erick Moraller, Phi Gamma Delta. Address, St. Petersburg, Russia. Mr. Moraller is the Y. M. C. A. secretary and physical director of the only gymnasium in Russia.

**Beta**

Married, June 24, 1908, at her home in Indianapolis, Ind., Jess Riley, 1907-'08, to Mr. Theodore Johnson, Delta Tau Delta, A.B. Indiana 1908.

Married, August 1, 1907, at Indianapolis, Ind., Caroline Van Denise to Mr. Joseph Jackson, Delta Tau Delta, Indiana 1908. Address, Mars Hill, North Carolina.

**Gamma**

Married, November 28, 1908, at her home in Indianapolis, Ind., Adele S. McMaster to Mr. Ovid Butler, Sigma Chi, 1905. Address, Ogden, Utah.



**Eta**

Married, September 19, 1908, in Chicago, Ruth Manville, 1904-'06, to Mr. Robert Sinclair, '07, Delta Tau Delta. Address, 241 Horton Ave., Detroit.

Married, October 17, 1908, in Chicago, Bernice Bond, A.B. 1905, to Mr. Harvey Farnham. Address, 1118 W. Sixty-fourth Street, Englewood, Chicago.

Married, November 28, 1908, in St. Louis, Mo., Laura Eames, A.B. 1902, to Mr. Alfred Kammerer. Address, 3906 Lindell Blvd. Mr. and Mrs. Kammerer are spending a month in Cuba.

Married, September, 1908, in Gambier, Ohio, Julia P. Benson, A.B. 1900, to the Rev. Robt. B. Foote. Address, 132 11th St., Anderson, Ind.

**Mu**

Married, August 5, 1908, in Erie, Pa., Marie Tuholski, '03, to Mr. John A. Young, Bucknell. Address, Lockhaven, Pa.

Married, May 28, 1908, Grace Jones, ex-'04, to Jacob Sheasley. Address, Franklin, Pa.

**Alpha Gamma**

Married, November 25, 1908, Meta Klie, ex-'07, to Mr. Ralph D. Nye, '07, Delta Tau Delta. Address, Cor. 85th St. and Wade Park Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

**Alpha Eta**

Married September 22, 1908, Elizabeth Deake Adams, '04-'06, of Locust Ridge, Louisiana, to Mr. John Maury Stanton.

**Delta**

Married, June 10, 1908, in Euclid Ave. Congregational Church, Cleveland, Ohio, Louise Rust to Mr. Fred E. Foss, Professor of Civil Engineering in Carnegie Tech. School, Pittsburgh.

**Kappa**

Married, September 26, 1908, Nell Wilhelmi, A.B. 1903, to Mr. W. W. Moore. Address, 3606 Madison Street, Madison, Wis.

Married, October 21, 1908, Alice Templin, A.B. 1908, to Mr. Herbert Rankin, A.B. 1908. Address, Alburaque, New Mexico.

Married, October 25, 1908, at her home in Kansas City, Helen Williams, A.B. '03, to Mr. Lee Elmo Philbrook, A.B. '03. Address, 5431 Jefferson Ave., Chicago, Ill.

**Rho**

Married, June 24, 1908, at Lincoln, Joyce Broady, '07, and Mr. John Clark, Alpha Theta Chi, '06. They are now living in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Married, September 15, 1908, at Hastings, Neb., Agnes Langevin, '08, and Mr. Arch Stratton, Sigma Chi. Mr. and Mrs. Stratton will be at home at Riverton, Wyo., after November 1.

Married, June 3, 1908, at Plattsmouth, Neb., Sallie Agnew, '04, and Dr. Dameron. They are now living in Lincoln.

Married, November 18, 1908, Margaret Loomis, A.B. 1903, to Mr. George Warren David, Alpha Tau Omega, Brown University. They will make their home in Wood's Hole, Mass.

Married, October 31, 1908, Edith Robbins, A.B. 1907, to Warren French Day, Delta Upsilon, Nebraska. They are now living in Richfield, Idaho.

**Upsilon**

Married, June 24, 1908, in Reading, Mass., Nellie Kenney, ex-'03, to Mr. Arthur Harrison Brown. Address, Reading, Mass.

Married, August 27, 1908, in Sauk Rapids, Minn., Harriet Watson, A.B. 1904, to Mr. Edwin George Allen, Chi Psi, U. of Chicago. Address, Sprague, Wash.

Married, September 12, 1908, in St. Paul, Bessie Dockstader, ex-1906, to Mr. Walter Edward Francis, Delta Tau Delta, U. of Chicago. Address, 693 E. 44th St., Chicago.

Married, November 20, 1908, in New York, Mary Frances Knowlton, to Mr. George William Harting. Address, 51 W. 10th St., New York City.

Married, December 2, 1908, in All Souls Universalist Church, Minneapolis, Ruth Haynes, A.B. 1906, to Mr. Leslie Francis Carpenter, Chi Psi, U. of Minn. Address, 965 Fourteenth Ave. S. E., Minneapolis.

Married, December 24, 1908, in All Souls Universalist Church, Minneapolis, Ruth Leonard, A.B. 1904, to Mr. Alexander Hasseltine Donaldson, School of Mines, 1904. Address, Hondale, New Mexico.

**Psi**

Married, June, 1908, at their home in Madison, Wis., Charlotte White, A.B. 1907, to Mr. Dana Grover, D.D., and Dorothy White, A.B. 1907, to Mr. Herbert Sanford, B.S. Address Mrs. Grover, Karasumaru, Dori Imadegana Sagaruo, Kyoto, Japan. Address Mrs. Sanford, 310 Murray St., Madison, Wis.



Married, September, 1908, at Reedsburg, Wis., Juliet Harris, B.L. 1895, to Mr. W. H. Brigrance. Address, Reedsburg, Wis.

### Phi

Married, September 9, 1908, in Seattle, Wash., Cornelia Stevenson, A.B. 1906, to Mr. Dalbert E. Twitchell. Address, 1804 East Ninth Ave.

Married, September 29, 1908, in Denver, Colorado, Mabel Helen Baum, A.B. 1905, to Mr. Willard Carson Smith. Address, 1325 E. Colfax Ave.

### Alpha Lambda

Married, October 3, 1908, at Oak Harbor, Wash., Ada Bonnett, 1905-1908, to Mr. John W. Dumont, of Chicago, Ill. Address, 2022 Warren Ave., Seattle, Wash.

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## BIRTHS

### Iota

Born, July 16, 1908, a daughter, Gretchen, to Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Meier (Gertrude Gibbs, B.S. Minnesota '93, M.S. Cornell '96), New Ulm, Minn.

### Lambda

Born, October 21, 1908, a daughter, Rosalind, to Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Ray (Ph.B. 1901). Address, State College, Pennsylvania.

### Alpha Beta

Born, September 18, 1908, a daughter, Anna Lippincott, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Biddle (Anna Lippincott, A.B. 1900). Address, Riverton, N. J.

### Alpha Delta

Born, October 4, 1908, a daughter, to Dr. and Mrs. L. Clyde Bixler (Ida Evans, A.B. 1902). Address, 216 N. Highland, Pittsburgh, Pa.

### Alpha Zeta

Born, November, 1908, a daughter, Ruth, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Yates Keeler (Romola Lyon, A.B. 1904), North Salem, N. Y.

**Alpha**

Born, November, 1908, a son, Richard, to Mr. and Mrs. Lennan (Ruby Faris, 1904), Terre Haute, Ind.

Born, November 6, 1908, a son, Robert Salem, to Mr. and Mrs. Kimberlin (Elizabeth Towne), 1904), Boston, Mass.

**Beta**

Born, November 5, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Fulton (Emma Virginia Pearson), a daughter, Mary Pearson.

**Gamma**

Born, November 18, 1908, a daughter, Mary Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brown (Lilian Bailey, 1905-1906). Address, Memphis, Tenn.

**Eta**

Born, May, 1908, a daughter, Margaret, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steele (Helen Post, '03).

Born, October 12, 1908, a son, Paul William, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nutting (Margaret Jones, 1901).

Born, December 10, 1908, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maynard (Harriet Harrington, A.B. 1904). Address, Louviers, Colo.

**Pi**

Born, May 25, 1908, a son, Edward Everett, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Everett (Relle L. Blowers).

**Alpha Gamma**

Born, September 15, 1908, a daughter, Edith, to Mr. and Mrs. Merton Hipple (Edith Hunter), Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Upsilon**

Born, June 21, 1907, a son, William Jones, to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McVay (Alice Jones, B.L. 1900).

Born, November 1, 1908, a son, Frank Stanford, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fernald (Nell Stanford, 1903-1905). Address, Livingston, Mont.

Born, June 28, 1908, a son, Frederick Pomeroy, to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Bradford (Jane Pomeroy). Address, 132 Cambridge Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Born, September 3, 1908, a son, Franklin Elmore, to Dr. and



Mrs. Frank S. Bissell (Blanche Stanford, B.L. 1901). Address, 2955 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Born, September 20, 1908, a son, Murray Traver, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray Stockton (Maidie Traver). Address, Fari-bault, Minn.

Born, October 31, 1908, a daughter, to Dr. and Mrs. Frank Burch (Katharine Jackson, A.B. 1905). Address, 706 Grand Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Born, August 19, 1908, a daughter, Glenn Stockton, to Dr. and Mrs. Frank McKee (Glenn Stockton, A.B. 1903). Address, Rich-land Center, Wis.

### Psi

Born, November 15, 1908, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bene-dict Sherman (Alice Watson, 1907). Address, 6513 Lexington Ave., Chicago, Ill.

### Phi

Born, July 26, 1908, a son, Eugene Park, to Lieutenant and Mrs. Royden E. Beebe (Sara Reid Park, A.B. 1904).

Born, September 17, 1908, at Los Angeles, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Overton (Georgia Caswell).

Born, April, 1908, at Pomona, Cal., to Mr. and Mrs. James MacNish Powers (Edith Hill, '98), a daughter.

Born, September 5, 1908, at Los Angeles, to Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Peasley (Helen Vineyard, Phi), a son.

### Omega

Born, July, 1908, at Pasadena, Cal., to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heineman (Irene Taylor), a daughter.

## DEATHS

### Chi

Died, October 29, in Carlisle, Pa., Mary Loomis Hutchison, Ph.B. 1891, Ph.M. 1895.

### Beta

Edith McMaster was born May 12, 1875, married to Elmer E. Scott, June 14, 1905, and died July 8, 1908. She left a husband and one child, John Elmer. She was a member of Beta chapter, graduated from Indiana University, and at the time of her death was president of Zeta Alumnæ.

### Epsilon

Mary Sifton Pepper, Epsilon and Mu Alumnæ, died at her home in Cleveland, on Saturday, July 4, 1908. Miss Pepper was a graduate of the University of Wooster, class of 1883. She had been a teacher in the Cleveland schools and as a writer and translator had attained distinction. In her death Mu Alumnæ chapter suffers the loss of a most enthusiastic and loyal member.

### Eta

Died, July 20, 1908, in Escanaba, Helen Douglass Mead, A.B. 1907. Helen Mead was 22 years old. She was a graduate of Milwaukee Downer Seminary where she spent her four academic years. After two years of collegiate work at the University of Michigan she went to Bryn Mawr College for a year, where she made a fine record, specializing in English literature. She returned to Michigan here she took her degree in 1907. She was a brilliant student and a leader in her class, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity, and of the senior society, "Mortarboard." She was a musician of more than ordinary ability, and her music gave pleasure wherever she went. She had studied in Milwaukee and at the University School of Music in Ann Arbor, under Albert Lockwood. Helen Mead was a member of the Episcopal church and deeply interested in parochial work. She was loved by old and young and especially by her class of children in Sunday school. Her studies in sociology and her wide reading had interested her in settlement work and her ambition was to some day identify herself with this form of charity. The shock of the sudden death of so well loved a girl has been paralyzing to her family and many friends.

### Kappa

Died, November 1, 1908, in Lawrence, Kansas, Nannie Towne.



## PERSONALS

### Iota

Ebba Elizabeth Almgren, M.D. '06, of New York City, is now examining physician for the women of Cornell University.

Mary Waite, A.B. '05, has returned to college for her M.A. degree.

Mary Reynolds Preston, '09, Amenia, N. Y., was one of the Cornell delegates at the Student Volunteer convention at Syracuse, November 24.

Queenie Northrup Horton, '09, Brewster, N. Y., and Elizabeth Clarke, '10, Philadelphia, Pa., went as delegates to the Intercollegiate Student Government Conference at Mt. Holyoke College, November 13-15.

The engagement is announced of Edna Lenora Mertz, A.B. '08, 209 East Broadway, Sedalia, Mo., to Mr. Philip Durkee Carmen, Sigma Chi, Cornell ex-'08, of Manila, P. I.

The engagement is announced of Queenie Northrup Horton, '09, Brewster, N. Y., to Mr. Robert Warren Sailor, Beta Theta Pi, A.B. (Cornell) '07, of 1624 Adams St., Chicago, Ill.

### Lambda

Mrs. Genevra Jones Field, Ph.B. 1907, Northfield, Vermont, is teaching at Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey.

Ruth Foster, Alpha Epsilon, A.B. 1908, who is teaching in Newport, Vermont, and Mrs. M. N. Baker (Ella S. Babbitt, A.B. 1886), 53 Oakwood Ave., Upper Montclair, New Jersey, visited the chapter in the fall.

### Sigma

Mamie Millichamp, '03, who returned in August from a year's study in Paris, has taken up her new position as Dean of Women at "The Colonial," Grove City, Pa.

Mabel Steele, '07, has gone to Berlin to study music for a year.

Mabel Millman, '07, has a scholarship at Bryn Mawr College. Address, Radnor Hall, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

### Chi

Susanna Sands Imperatori, 1900-1901. New York City, spent three weeks at the chapter house in October.

Abbie Potts, Iota, visited Martha Allen, '08, during Thanksgiving vacation and both were welcome guests at the chapter house.

The address of Floy Thomas Rixon, A.B. 1901, is Skaneateles, N. Y.

The address of Lena Burton Andrews, 1892-1895, is 561 Spaulding St., Elmira, N. Y.

The address of Martha Allen, B.L. '08, is Marcellus, N. Y.

Virginia Emmons, B.P. 1907, is teaching art in a girls' seminary, Gordonsville, Va.

Beatrice Throop, B.Mus. 1904, is teaching music in Wayland Academy, Beaver Dam, Wis.

### Alpha Beta

Julia Atkinson, A.B. '07, Doylestown, Pa., is teaching at Berwyn High School, Berwyn, Pa.

Grace Taylor, 1905-1907, and Ellie Simons, 1906-1907, are both studying music. Address, Swarthmore, Pa.

Madeleine Morrison, 1908, is spending the winter in Seattle. Address, 2517 Maxwell Ave., Spokane, Wash.

Katharine Wolff, 1908, is playing hockey on the Lansdown Country Club team, and has already proved herself one of their star players. Address, 229 S. 42nd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Edith Coale, 1902, graduated from a course of nursing in Johns Hopkins University last June. Address, Riverton, N. J.

### Alpha Delta

The engagement has just been announced of Florence Walther, A.B. 1904, Baltimore, Md., to Mr. George Salter, of Baltimore.

Lois Hill, ex-1906, and Martha Hill, ex-1908, of Spartansburg, S. C., spent some time in Baltimore in October. They were present at the house party given at Sherwood, October 23 and 24.

Meta McClelland, ex-1910, of Dobbs' Ferry, visited the chapter in November, being present for the tennis tournament on November 17.

Lucile Locke, Alpha Delta, is a new member of Iota Alumnæ.

### Alpha Zeta

The engagement of Lee Frances Alexander, '09, to Mr. James Coats Anchincloss, Yale, 1908, is announced.

Martha E. Hamil, A.B. 1908, is teaching in Altmere, Alabama.

Marjorie E. Harrison, 1906-1908, is teaching at the Harcourt Place School, Gambier, Ohio.

Muriel Valentine, A.B. 1907, who was studying in Germany last year, has returned to New York.



Eleanor Gay, 1909, who is President of the Barnard Undergraduate Association, was recently a delegate to the conference of Inter-Collegiate Self-Government Association held at Mount Holyoke.

Theodora Hall, 1909, and Nathalie Thorne, 1910, attended the Y. W. C. A. conference held at Silver Bay, Lake George, N. Y., during June.

### Alpha Epsilon

Alpha Epsilon is happy to announce the election to Phi Beta Kappa of Ruth L. Foster, '08, and Frances A. Foster, '09.

Hannah Heaton, '04, sailed in June for Göttingen, Germany, where she will spend this year in study.

### Alpha Kappa

The engagement has been announced of Erene Figueira, ex-'10, and Rudolfo Correa, of Mexico.

Isabelle Kelly, ex-'09, has just returned from a long trip abroad and she has delighted the chapter many times by her interesting and varied experiences.

Among our visitors are Miss Braman, Mrs. Imperatori, Miss Pratt, and Mrs. Van Slyk, all from Chi; Mrs. Smith, Alpha Zeta; and Miss Kiep, Iota.

### Alpha

Oolooah Bruner, '04, is a Y. W. C. A. secretary of several of our southern states.

Josephine Wilkinson, '02, is completing her nurses training at the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

Mary Birch is studying in Cornell this winter, having received a scholarship.

Stella Worthington, '07, whom we were fortunate to have with us last year, is at her home in Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Jessie Hefner, ex-1903, Kokomo, Ind., is very ill in a hospital in Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Alma John Woodson, 1902, and son have returned to their home in Roxbury, Mass., after a short visit at her home in Greencastle, Ind.

Mrs. Ethel McWhirter Wise, 1902, Metuchen, New Jersey, visited Theta sisters and other friends in Greencastle, Ind.

Clarabelle Hood, 1907, Portland, Ind., who is teaching German in the Portland High School, visited Theta sisters.

Edith Carmichael, 1908, Muncie, Ind., is teaching in the Muncie High School.

Alpha chapter enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Swahlen of Brown University, and from Margaret Quail, ex-1902.

Professor Smyser, formerly English professor at DePauw, and who has the chair of English at Ohio Wesleyan, called at the Theta house.

Rev. Paul Smith, husband of Mrs. Gertrude Free Smith, 1907, was entertained at dinner by Alpha.

Mary Ibach, 1908, Hammond, Ind., is teaching mathematics, physics and English in the Hammond High School.

### Beta

Blanche Kercheval is again living in Rockport, Ind.

Mary Lindley is now in Indianapolis working with the Clouity Organization Society.

Mary Conrey (Alpha), of Shelbyville, Ind., Aneta Allen (Beta) of Bloomington and Edna Johnson (Beta) of Richmond, Ind., were guests of Zeta Alumnae, Nov. 23.

Alice Patterson has just been appointed instructor in Washington State College.

Pearl Cassell, who was instructor in Spokane high school in Latin last year, is now teaching in the Vincennes (Ind.), high school.

Ruth Keltner, 1909, Anderson, Ind., has been taken into the English Club.

We have received a welcome transfer from Gamma chapter in Hazel Hendrix, 1911, Indianapolis, Ind.

### Gamma

Mrs. Cora C. Barnett, who recently returned from Europe, will go, in January, to Champaign, Ill., where she will chaperone the members of a local sorority.

Constance Addington, ex-1911, has been made recording secretary of the New Orleans Woman's Club. Her address is 6330 S. Liberty St., New Orleans, La. In January Dr. Urbana Spink, Beta, A.B. 1896, will visit Miss Addington.

### Eta

Since college opened this fall, Eta has had the following visitors: Mrs. Eichrodt, Gamma; Edith Cockins and Grace Cockins, Alpha Gamma; Ethel Obetz, ex-'10, Mary Mulheron, ex-'10, Bertha Ballard, ex-'11, Myra Post Cady, Grace Moore Walzer, Harriet



Waller Oakes, Mrs. Smoot, Faith Cooper, Esther Harmon, Louise Hills, Margaret Dresser, Charlotte Bissell and Leona Belser, alumnae.

Maude Philips visited Eta in June. She is now teaching in Redlands, Calif.

Elsie Sawyer, A.B. 1903, Joliet, Ill., is studying in Germany. Address, 19 III B Tanentzian Str., Berlin, Germany.

Leona Belser, A.B. 1908, Chelsea, Mich., is teaching in the Holland High School. Her address is 66 West Thirteenth Street.

Mary Mulheron, 1906-1908, Highland Park, is teaching in Redford, Mich.

Esther Shaw, A.B. 1907, Mt. Holyoke, M.A. 1908, Michigan, is instructor of Freshman English at Vassar College.

Hallie Hills is studying at Pratt Institute, New York.

Charlotte Leavitt, A.B. '99, who is Professor of English at Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, spent last year studying at Columbia University. She has promised to spend next commencement with the chapter in Ann Arbor.

Ada Jones, 1906-1908, is spending the winter at home in San Diego, California, but expects to return to college the second semester.

Charlotte Walker, A.B. 1900, Ann Arbor, Minerva Rhines, '97, Detroit, and Alice Wadsworth, '95, Evanston, spent the summer abroad.

Esther Harmon, A.B. '06, Toledo, Ohio, has returned from Berlin where she spent the last year studying and is now attending Bryn Mawr as Resident Fellow in German.

Eta extends her sympathy to Minerva Rhines, '97, who has recently lost her mother; and to Margaret Jones Nutting, who has lost her infant son.

Grace Holmes, A.B. 1906, Kenton, Ohio, is teaching in Boise, Idaho.

Frieda Reynolds, A.B. 1908, is teaching in the high school in her home city, Milwaukee. Her address is 629 Shepard Avenue.

Margaret Stockbridge, A.B. 1908, Phi Beta Kappa, Ann Arbor, has returned from Germany where she spent the summer, and is now teaching in Rensselaer, Ind.

Julia B. Williams, 1911, has announced her engagement to Mr. Allen Brett of Cleveland, Ohio.

Eta is glad to welcome back to Ann Arbor Mrs. Adams, '88, and Mrs. Canfield of Kappa chapter. Mrs. Adams has spent the last two years in Washington, D. C., where her husband, Professor

Adams, has been working on the Interstate Commerce Commission. Mrs. Canfield has been in Paris, where Professor Canfield has been studying. We also extend our welcome to Mrs. Rich, Chi chapter, who has recently moved to Ann Arbor. Her husband has accepted the position of Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering in the University.

Jean Goudie, 1909, and Agnes Carpenter, 1909, have been elected to membership in Mortar Board.

Rubie Scott has been elected vice-president of the freshman literary class.

Mabel Mason, '09, Elfrieda Weitz, '10, and Emma Weitz, '09, have been elected to membership in the Cercle Français.

Charlotte S. Bissell, A.B., 1903, is president of the Toledo College Club.

In June the chapter enjoyed a visit from Rebecca Moody of Kappa chapter.

### Mu

Harriette Phillips, A.B. 1908, is at her home in Painesville, Pa.

Nulu Neale, A.B. 1908, is at her home in Reynoldsville, Pa.

Grace Jenks, A.B. 1902, of Kidwell, W. Va., and Bess Dutton, A.B. 1904, of Meadville, Pa., are both teaching in Ben Avon, Pa.

Mary von Storch, 1906-1907, Bradford, Pa., is attending Drexel this year.

Elizabeth Roberts, A.B. 1907, Meadville, Pa., is preceptress at the New Lyme Institute, New Lyme, Ohio.

Wahnita Danford, A.B. 1908, Duquesne, Pa., is teaching in Forestville, N. Y.

Mary Sansom, 1905-1907, Clarion, Pa., is teaching in Shippenville, Pa.

Iva Berkey, A.B. 1907, Ligonier, Pa., is principal of the Ligonier High School.

Hat Johnson, A.B. 1907, Jamestown, N. Y., Lettie Johnson, A.B. 1905, Pittsburg, Pa., and Jane Dermitt, A.B. 1908, Meadville, Pa., are doing settlement work in Baltimore, Md.

Florence Grauel, A.B. 1908, Sharpsburg, Pa., is teaching in Kane, Pa.

Aileen Miller, 1904-1905, Warren, Pa., is attending Hiram this year.

Amy Courtenay, A.B. 1907, Zanesville, Ohio, is now teaching in Shelby, Ohio.

Julia Heible, A.B. 1908, Warren, Pa., is teaching in Glade Run.

Elvira Bascom, A.B. 1904, formerly librarian in Albany, N. Y.,



is now filling the position of editor of the book list which is published for the American Library Association, Madison, Wis.

Mrs. F. A. Ernst (Jennie Brawley), A.B. 1902, Seattle, Wash., has spent the summer and fall in Meadville and has been a welcome visitor at many of our chapter meetings.

Florence Phillips, A.B. 1907, Painesville, Ohio, is teaching in the Stonewall Jackson Institute, Abingdon, Va.

Katherine Adams, A.B. 1907, Meadville, Pa., has been prevented by serious illness from filling her position in the Kane High School.

Dottie Johnson, 1904-1906, Pittsburg, Pa., is attending the Margaret Morrison College (Carnegie Tech) this year.

### Pi

The secretary of Iota Alumnæ had a call in June from Mrs. W. E. Rice (Emma J. Parsons, Pi). Mrs. Rice spent several weeks in Los Angeles on her return from Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, where she and Mr. Rice have been engaged in teaching for about twelve years. She has returned to South America for an indefinite stay. Mr. Rice has lately been appointed president of the Santiago College for Women, Santiago, Chili.

### Alpha Eta

Mrs. John Kreig (Nell Pride, '03), who was recently married is at home from her wedding trip. Address, 2505 West End Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Madge Cannon, '02, MacKenzie, Tenn., Alice Clark, '08, Winchester, Tenn., and Elizabeth Young, '08, Memphis, Tenn., were in Nashville for initiation, November 27.

Rosa Ambrose, '07, 206 Twelfth St., Nashville, Tenn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lloyd Burns (Sophie Ambrose, '07), at 809 Peter Smith St., Fort Worth, Texas.

Elise Handley, '08, who is teaching at Memphis Conference Institute, Jackson, Tenn., was at home, 349 Twentieth Ave. North, Nashville, for our initiation.

### Delta

Clara Gridley, '08, is back doing library work at the university library, and is living in the chapter house.

Mrs. Barnett, Gamma, Indianapolis; Lucilla Fullenweider, ex-'09, Mechanicsburg; Jean Bullard, ex-'09, Mechanicsburg; Alice Fullenweider, '07, Mechanicsburg; Minnie Parker, '08, Taylorville; Louise Shipman, '08, De Kalb; Clara Gridley, '08, Virginia; Hope

Herrick, '08, Farmer City; Helen May, '08, Danville, have been visitors at the chapter house recently.

Helen May, '08, is teaching in the high school at Clinton, Ill.

### Kappa

Ester Rauch, Eleanor Blakey, and Rebecca Moody, of last year's class, attended initiation.

Lois Meier, Winona Petring, Clotilda Brown, and Ann Fisher, of Alpha Iota chapter, were our guests for the K. U.-Washington game, October 24.

### Rho

Nelore Wilson Swan is now living at the Heights, Fruitvale, Calif.

Camille Hall, A.B. 1907, Lincoln, is assisting in Domestic Science at the State Farm.

Sara Hayden, at a studio tea in her art rooms at the university, displayed a collection of water colors done while in England last summer. Most of the sketches were picturesque views of the north-east English coast.

### Tau

Florence Pond is spending the winter in Florida.

Mabel Currer, 1901-1904, of Redlands, Calif., has announced her engagement to Dr. Inslee Blair Greene, Yale '02, Theta Delta Chi. Dr. Greene is practicing in Seattle, Wash.

Agnes Hayden, '99, has announced her engagement to George Norris Woodley, Evanston, Ill. Mr. Woodley is the city attorney for Evanston.

Minnie Parker, who graduated from Illinois last year, has been here visiting.

Elsie Ashby, who went to Indiana last year, is back at Northwestern.

Louise McCabe, from De Pauw, has affiliated with Tau this year.

Julia Evans, A.B. 1908, is principal of the high school in Stockton, Ill.

Helen Holton, A.B. 1908, is teaching some Y. W. C. A. classes in Indianapolis.

Gertrude Curme, A.B. 1908, has staked out a claim in California.

Mabel Kelsey, 1907-1908, is attending Vassar this year.

### Upsilon

Madeleine Wallin Sikes has been elected president of the Chicago branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae.



Upsilon and Beta Alumnæ entertained on June 19 for Martha Haven, Phi, who attended the American Library Association conference at Lake Minnetonka.

Sena Koch, '99, of Santa Barbara, visited in Minneapolis in the summer.

Mrs. Charles Murray Stockton received visits in the summer from her sisters, Alice Traver, Alpha Epsilon, and Helen Traver, Upsilon and Alpha Epsilon.

Mabel Baum Smith, Phi, called on Upsilon while on her wedding trip.

Edna Broom, 1903-1905, is spending the winter in California.

Dr. and Mrs. Litzenberg (Elizabeth Fisher, B.L. 1898) and children sailed in December for Europe. Dr. Litzenberg will study in Vienna and other cities.

Emily Hyde, 1906-1907, is supervisor of music in the schools of Hutchinson, Minn.

Alma Pennock, 1903-1904, is studying Domestic Science at the Thomas Normal School in Detroit.

Katherine Pond, 1907-1908, is attending Smith College.

### Psi

For the coming year, Edna Zinn, A.B. 1904, Mary Strong, B.L. 1900, Eline Dexter, A.B. 1906, and Frances MacIntosh, A.B. 1907, are studying and traveling in Germany. Address, Universität Strasse 60, Marburg a. d. Zahn, Germany.

Elsie Martens, 1907, and her mother are traveling in Europe. Her present address is Bilbwarder, a. d. Bille Oberster Landweg bei Hamburg, Germany.

Ellen Huntington, recently of the faculty of Home Economics at Wisconsin, Florence Brown, A.B. 1908, and Jean Donaldson are studying at Columbia this year. Address, 417 Manhattan Ave., New York City, care of Columbia University.

Since June the following engagements have been announced: Ethel Churchill, A.B. 1908, to Mr. James Watson, B.S. 1903, member of Phi Kappa Sigma; Charlotte Churchill, A.B. 1908, to Mr. Arthur Beupert, of Monroe, Wis. (address, Monroe, Wis.), and Adale Fritz, 1907-1908, to Mr. Alfred F. Coleman, B.S. 1909, member of Delta Upsilon.

Lucretia Whitehead, 1902-1904, spent the first ten days of the term in the chapter house with us. Address, Golden, Colo.

**Alpha Iota**

Lucretia F. Whitehead, Psi, 1904-1905, spent a few days with us on her way home from the east.

**Phi**

Grace Lavayea, Upsilon, Phi, is teaching in Huntington Hall, Los Angeles.

The engagement is announced of Hazel Traphagen, Phi, '05, to Wilfred Heinrich Dole, Beta Theta Pi, Stanford '05. Mr. Dole is in the lumber business at Gray's Harbor, Wash.

The engagement is announced of Mabel Clara Ray, Phi, '05, to Mr. Gilbert Blasdel, of Los Angeles.

Mary C. Baker, Phi, '08, is in the Los Angeles branch of the Young Women's Christian Association. She is taking a three months' course preliminary to a year's training course in New York for general secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Galbraith (Lucy Souther, Phi, ex-'09) are in Los Angeles for the winter. Their temporary address is Hotel Columbine, 916 West Sixth St.

Mrs. Royden Beebe (Sara Reid Park, Phi, '04) spent a month in Ocean Park previous to joining Lieutenant Beebe at San Francisco. She left in November for a year and a half in Manila, where Lieutenant Beebe has been ordered.

Mary Moore, Phi, ex-'07, will spend the winter in Chicago.

Mrs. Raymond Alden (Barbara Hitt, Phi, ex-'05), who has recently returned from Europe, was a guest at Iota Alumnæ's October meeting.

Miss Ortha Belle Fielder, A.B. 1897, of Denver, Colo.,—address, 1440 Clarkson St.,—is our chaperon for this year. It is the first time a Theta has presided over Phi chapter.

Clara Stevenson, A.B. 1904, of Fair Oaks, has returned from a trip to Japan.

Phi chapter had a reunion in the fall and those present were: Jane Spalding, A.B. 1906, 134 N. Gates St., Los Angeles; Carol Fowl, 1902-1906, 1530 Sherman St., Denver; Clara Smith, 1910 W. Sixth St., Los Angeles; Mrs. Bryant Mathews (Jessie Gilmore, 1905-1906), 2003 Union Ave., Los Angeles; Edna Barlow, 1906-1907, 705 W. 30th St., Los Angeles; Katheryn Culver, 1906-1908, 424 E. 34th St., Oakland.

**Omega**

Agnes Frisius, Omega '01, who is in the English department of the Los Angeles Polytechnic High School, is president of "The Col-



lege Woman's Club," an organization of two hundred members.

Leila Lindley, ex-'10, and Eleanor Corson, ex-'11, have both visited Omega, having come for the Rugby game.

Polly Graham, secretary of the Y. W. C. A., of Phi, attended their convention, held in Berkeley in November. Elizabeth Russell came with her to visit Omega chapter.

Dorothy Marx, Helen Green, Linnette Laig, Katherine Fairclough, Dorothy Stillman, Eunice Pierce, all of Phi, were here the night before the Rugby game.

Pearl Judson Sommers is traveling abroad and will be away for a year or more.

Miriam Edwards, '07, is at present in Paris.

Helen Wright, '07, and Mary Gilbert, '06, have each visited us several times during the term.

Bertha Bernard, ex-'08, has been with us and has returned to her home in Ventura.

### Alpha Lambda

Hermie Sherman, A.B. 1907, post-graduate 1907-1908, is teaching mathematics in the Seattle High School. Address, South Park, Seattle, Wash.

Three of last year's graduates are now teaching: Mayme Miller in the Seattle Business College, Josephine Taylor in Bellingham, and Rena Strout in Charleston, Wash.

During the fall we have been very fortunate in having two Thetas from other colleges as guests of the chapter house. Genevieve Chambers, of Stanford, was with us for two weeks in rushing season, during which time her assistance was invaluable. Cecile Enegren, who graduated last year from Minnesota and is now teaching in Sedro Wooley, Wash., spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the house.

## NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE WORLD

The editor of *Beta Theta Pi* has discovered a woman's fraternity, hitherto not listed, with chapters, at present, only in the State of Missouri. It appears as Eta Upsilon Gamma.

The following recently established chapters are to be noted: Delta Delta Delta at De Pauw and at Colby College, Me.; Alpha Chi Omega at Baker University; Alpha Xi Delta at Kentucky State.

Sigma Chi has entered the University of Utah and Delta Tau Delta has gone into the University of Washington. Zeta Psi has lapsed and Sigma Nu has entered Columbia.—*Chi Zeta Chi*.

Sigma Phi instituted a new chapter, on October 31, at Wisconsin University. Sigma Phi, founded in 1827, claims the distinction of being the oldest Greek-letter fraternity with the exception of Kappa Alpha, founded in 1825.—*Sigma Chi*.

A German fraternity, Phi Xi, has lately been founded at Illinois. It is to become national, with the chapter at Illinois as the Alpha, or governing body. The membership will probably consist of college men of German descent or men connected with the German departments in colleges and universities.—*The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta*.

The Royal Order of the Coif is an honorary law organization recently instituted at Northwestern, and is almost parallel in its functions and requirements for membership to Phi Beta Kappa, of the arts department. Six men are chosen from the junior class at the close of the year, and two more in the fall for membership in the senior society.—*Delta Chi Quarterly*.

From the *New York Herald* we learn that Ponson C. Chu,, of Shanghai, a wealthy Chinese student in the junior class of Yale College, has been elected to membership in the Psi Upsilon Fraternity. Mr. Chu's family belonged to the last dynasty in China, and his father is now head of a Chinese steamship line. He is referred to as the best dressed man in his class, and is probably the first full-blooded Chinese to receive fraternity honors at Yale.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

Gamma Phi Beta held its convention in Ann Arbor, Nov. 10-13.

Kappa Kappa Gamma held its convention in Meadville, Alpha Phi in Madison, Pi Beta Phi in New Orleans, and Delta Delta Delta in Lincoln, Alpha Chi Omega in Champaign.



It is with much interest that we have learned from our own members and others of the Denver Pan-Hellenic Association of fraternity women. About one hundred and twenty-five representatives of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Chi Omega, Sigma Kappa, and Alpha Xi Delta appeared at the first meeting, April 11. Definite steps toward organization were taken and the success of the project seems assured.

Word comes of a Pan-Hellenic banquet in Des Moines, Ia., at which members from nine women's fraternities were present.

A similar gathering was held during the summer at Winona Lake, Indiana.

A Pan-Hellenic society for women Greeks was organized Oct. 15 in Spokane. It is hoped that it will include all those in the territory tributary to Spokane.

The *Key* notes a new inter-sorority organization at Northwestern.

A fraternity council has been organized at Northwestern at the request of the president of the university. It consists of two alumni representatives of each fraternity represented at the university (one being appointed by the faculty and the other by the active chapter) and two members of the faculty, the president of the university being *ex-officio* president of the council. The duties of the council are purely advisory to the faculty on the one hand and to the chapters on the other.—*Scroll*.

The long rushing season at Dickinson was largely responsible for breaking up the Pan-Hellenic League.—*Record*.

Thirty-five national fraternities, nine national sororities, and nine sectional clubs are represented at the University of Michigan. In nearly every instance the organizations are comfortably quartered, and the fraternity houses, as a whole, are said to be a much finer set at Michigan than are to be found at any other university in America.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

Thirty per cent. of the students belong to fraternities at the University of Washington.—*Record*.

The Illinois Wesleyan chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma has pledged \$1,000 to the university as a permanent scholarship fund.—*The Key*.

The alumnae of the California chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma

maintain a scholarship "for some active member who would otherwise be obliged to leave college."—*The Key*.

Four hundred members of the Kappa Sigma College Fraternity in convention here yesterday contributed more than \$1,000 in five minutes to aid a brother who is dying in destitute circumstances in a Denver hospital.

The public will never get a peep at a prettier exemplification of the sentiment and fellowship which knits a man to his college fraternity brother with bonds of steel than that which occurred at the Albany Hotel yesterday noon.—*Denver News*, 4 July, 1908.

The above may give the more rabid fraternity critics some food for thought.—*Record*.

The University of Virginia, in order to encourage the building of fraternity houses, has set aside a certain sum of money and will loan chapters two-thirds of the amount necessary to build, the chapter itself furnishing one-third; the university further furnishes free of charge a site for the building, retaining, of course, the title to the land. Carr's Hill, which is the location of the gymnasium and the president's house, has been laid off in lots to be used for fraternity houses. Each member of the Virginia chapter, on leaving the university, signs a note for fifty dollars or more, to be used toward the building fund.—*Caduceus*.

There are seven fraternity houses at Illinois representing values from \$15,000 to \$30,000.—*Record*.

Three fraternities, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Phi, and Kappa Sigma, have secured clubhouses in New York since the beginning of the present college year, and Phi Gamma Delta has established headquarters in a suite of rooms in a hotel in the so-called club district.—*Caduceus*.

From the *Trident* we get this interesting information:

London, May 16.—What Cecil Rhodes, the late South African millionaire, did for the American college youth with his provisions for scholarships in famous English universities, the Society of American Women in London aims to do for American women.

For some time the society has had in mind a gigantic scheme for raising a fund of \$10,000,000 to provide for scholarships for American college girls at Oxford, Cambridge and the City of London universities.

Money has already been raised by the society for the purpose of bringing one student from the United States and the American



Federation of Women's Clubs has expressed its determination to send over another.

Although nothing definite has been decided upon, it is very probable that the girl to be brought over by the society of American Women in London will come from New York, presumably from Barnard College. The final decision, however, waits upon the return to England from the United States of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, wife of the American ambassador, who is especially interested in the plan.

When the project was first broached by the society some of the highest authorities in the United States on the education of women declared in favor of undergraduate courses for the girls brought over. It has finally been decided, however, by those in charge of the scheme, that a two-year post-graduate course would be preferable.

About \$1,500 a year, or \$3,000 for the two years, will be necessary to pay the expenses of the student to be brought over this September. Of this amount the society already has \$500 in hand, and various schemes are on foot for the raising of the rest. The girl will be given her choice of the three universities.

The new president of the society is Mrs. Robert Noyes Fairbanks, the wife of a cousin of the Vice-President of the United States. Before her marriage she was Miss Van Kleck, a member of a very old Dutch family of New York. She was one of the eight girls who formed the first and only class of women graduates from Columbia University proper.

The society now has a membership of about 150. Its chief object, of course, is to assist American women who are in financial distress, especially in cases where the individuals would otherwise have to depend upon English charity. In this respect, although in a smaller degree, it follows the lines of the American society in London of the male "persuasion," but makes no provision for their country women.—*Boston Sunday Post*, May 17.

A Dean of Women has been appointed at Leland Stanford.

President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California, is to be the Theodore Roosevelt professor in the University of Berlin for the year 1909-10.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

A memorial window for those whose lives were lost in the burning of the Chi Psi house at Cornell in 1906 was unveiled at Cornell on April 26.

Columbia University has a new law school building.

The enrollment of the University of Washington has increased from 700 in 1904 to over 1,300 in 1908.—*Record*.

Mr. Henry Phipps, the steel magnate and philanthropist of Pittsburg, has given \$750,000 to Johns Hopkins University to establish a department for the study and treatment of insanity. The terms of the gift provide for the building of a four-story addition to the Johns Hopkins Hospital and its maintenance for ten years, and also for a chair in the university.—*Centaur*.

The University of Michigan celebrated Alumni Day on June 17, at which the class of '58 met in semi-centennial reunion. Of the forty-six men in that class, nineteen are living and ten attended the reunion. Six were killed in the Civil War. A Kappa Alpha Theta from Kansas University accompanied her grandfather to Ann Arbor on this occasion and was made the guest of honor by the class.

Chancellor Andrews has resigned from Nebraska University.

All records for registration at Columbia University have been broken this year, and the total number of students bids fair to be more than 5,500.

In order to still further elaborate its plans for keeping in touch with the public, Columbia University has arranged for more than 150 free lectures in 1908-09, outside of its regular courses. Preliminary plans for these lectures, which are open to officers, students, and the public at large, have been made. They include lectures by men of national and international fame, in many subjects including science, literature, economics and history. One of the most distinguished of living Italian scholars, Professor Guglielmo Ferrero of the University of Turin, has accepted an invitation to deliver four lectures at the university early in 1909.

The 300th anniversary of the birth of John Milton was celebrated by suitable academic exercises at 8:15 P. M. on December 9, 1908, in Earl Hall, Columbia University. Addresses were delivered on Milton's Influence on the Movement for Liberal Thought, by Mr. George L. Rives, '68, Chairman of the Trustees; Milton as a Man of Letters, by Professor William P. Trent.

Plans are also being made for the commemoration of the centenary of Edgar Allan Poe's birth on January 19, 1909.

The 80th State Birthday of Illinois was celebrated by the university, December 3.



Under the auspices of the "Michigan Union" the students of the University of Michigan have presented "Culture," an original comic opera. The opera was elaborately and artistically staged, and the operetta was even more successful than "Michigenda," which was presented last year. The score was again the work of Roy Welsch and the libretto that of Donal Haines. The performance was clever, original and funny. The costumes and ballet formations were graceful and artistic and the Union has again scored a great success. Five performances were given before crowded houses, and the net earnings for the Union will be a trifle over \$2,000.